- July 3-----Jack and I introduced by Arnett when Quillback came to Tampa; Emmett Mattes and I covered it for The Times
- July 5-----Polly & Lehr hosted cocktail buffet for Quillback officers; Bill McCown & I came back from weekend at beach to attend; Jack & I furthered acquaintance
- July 17-Aug 2--vacation in Key West with Arnett & Mibby; dates with Jack
- July 24---Arnett was relieved as XO Quillback after "hatchet squad" job on the boat in inspection; ABTs had their wardroom party that night as planned!
- July 30---I landed a job with Monroe Co. Board of Public Instruction as truant officer/"attendance assistant". Arnett would be away on TDY; Mibby in fragile emotional health; doctor insisted she stay on in KW and not "run away" to family, but should have someone with her
- July 31---Jack leaves with Quillback on Gitmo cruise
- Aug 3---gave notice at The Times
- Aug 12---ended job with Times after almost exactly four years
- Aug 14---Bill drove me to KW with most of my possessions
- Aug 17---go to work as truant officer
- Sept 2---Arnett left for Justice School, Newport RI
- Sept 5---Bill selected a used green Oldsmobile for me in Tampa and drove it to KW; had to have a car for the job and didn't even have a driver's license!
- Sept 30-Oct 9---Jack in Norfolk
- Oct 14---move into "Southernmost Snuggery", so christened by Mibby, on Whitehead St., across from the Navy brig; artist Bert Garnett & Betty my dear landlords
- Oct 17---dislocate left knee first time going down ladder on Q'back
- Nov 6-8---Jean Richardson visits
- Nov 20-22---in Havana with Jack, Tom and Swip Woods, Mickey and Nancy Warmuth, at Plaza Hotel (Swip made supreme sacrifice and was my roommate!)
- Nov 25-29---home for Thanksgiving; seeing Bill daily
- Nov 29-Dec 7---Prisleys in KW for vacation and I met them first time when they and Jack waited at the motel for my return from Eustis
- Dec 18-22---Bill arrived KW and we drove next day to Tampa
- Dec 23---met Mom & Dad in Eustis and drove to KW
- Christmas---C.A. Taylors and Batts in KW for Christmas at ABTs; Jack there for tree time, then had the duty
- Dec 27---Jack drove with Mom, Dad, me to Eustis; I said "yes" that night to his proposals that had started Labor Day
- Dec 29---Jack flew to Brookneal on promised leave and visit with FAPs

- Jan 3---drive to Miami with Jean Richardson; bus to KW
- Jan 4---Arnett left on cruise (Bushnell? Sea Poacher?); I returned to work
- Jan 10---Jack returned from leave in Brookneal. I was fully prepared to break up and "run away", but worry over his late plane when I drove to meet him in Miami saved our engagement and proved my feelings.
- Jan 12---Engagement party at Mibby's; Arnett on cruise; I was speechless with laryngitis
- Jan 22---sold my Olds; took over Jack's Chrysler New Yorker; he bought a motor scooter
- Jan 29-Feb 28---Jack on cruise to Gitmo
- Mar 6-7---Prisley friend, Waylie Rice, and his daughter, Nancy, Jack's longtime girlfriend, visit
- Mar 13-Apr 4---Jean Chandler stayed at the Snuggery with me
- Mar 27-29---Miami and Ft. Lauderdale with Jean Richardson
- Apr 3-11---Spring vacation at home for trousseau shopping and wedding plans with Mom in Tampa & Eustis
- Apr 28---Jack left on fleet problem; gone till just before wedding
- May 5---dislocated left knee second time; dancing with Arnett in their living room
- May 7-9---Miami with Mibby; I stayed with Jean; Mibby with her aunt
- May 18---heard from Jack that he'd made Lieutenant; too bad it was too late for wedding invitations
- May 22---Arnett suddenly deployed on "mysterious mission", later learned it was to Guatemala to prevent Communist arms shipments; made him miss being our best man!
- May 28---ended job in KW
- May 29---KW to Eustis
- June 6---Jack returned from sea; drove up from KW with Mibby
- June 8---Polly and Frank's cocktails; F.A.Prisley's dinner at Span-ish Park
- June 9---wedding rehearsal, then Lehr's, P&F, Gran's splendid buffet dinner at home
- June 10---Jack and I were married at St. John's, Tampa, a Thursday because of earlier time bind to report to school in New London, then while he was at sea, the school was cancelled! Family, few friends at wedding brunch at Palma Ceia Golf Club; overnight in Orlando at Mt. Vernon motel
- June 11-14---Rainbow Springs
- June 14-16---Key Biscayne Hotel; 20 miles from KW burned out rear axle bearings and start marriage with unexpected \$100 repairs
- June 17---moved into duplex on Vernon Ave., next to Sun & Sand; Jean and Monty Frazier, shipmate married about the same time, in the other side
- (somewhere in here Arnett returned from sea having missed our wedding by such a narrow margin)
- July 2-6---Quillback and I in Tampa, then Eustis; back to KW
- July 13-15---Patti & Bob Kabeary visit; stayed in motel, but most time together

Aug 13---Very unexpected orders detached Jack from Q'back and onto Manta, thus cancelling our anticipated time in Charleston shipyard

Aug 18-24---Mom & Dad in KW with us, ABTs

Aug 20---Jack reported to Manta

Aug 24-27---Polly & Frank in KW

Sept 4-8---Lehr in KW

Sept---I started substitute teaching in local schools; frequent calls Oct 21---move to 1012 Johnson St.; upstairs of large private home remodelled to apartment; had to move out of Vernon Ave., because tourist season rates were too expensive

Nov 1-6---Judy in Eustis to load up on wedding presents, household goods etc. that were to stay there till our move to Charleston

Nov 6---Jack and I met at Key Biscayne for overnight
Nov 25-Dec 5---F.A.Ps vacation in KW; stay at motel
Christmas---Jack home after Xmas Eve duty; dinner and afternoon with
ABTs

Dec 26-28---Eustis with C.A.Ts
Dec 31---Happy New Year with FAPs at German Club party

More than a year of polio epidemic in KW closed theaters, pools, officers' clubs and victimized some 25 or more Navy personnel and dependents aside from civilian population.

Jan 5---Jack returned to KW from Brookneal by train

Jan 12---I left Brookneal for Philadelphia driving (in my first heavy snow!) for Norfolk to pick up Petey Wev where she'd been staying with in-laws, CO Naval Base

Jan 13---leave in early dark before Wev Srs could see how bad the weather was and stop us! Terrible trip, long cold ferry ride, ice, snow, slow traffic. I'd never been to Phila and Petey only once by train for an Army Navy game. After dark when we found our way to the Brierhurst Hotel.

Jan 15---Manta arrived Phila after terribly cold and stormy trip off the Capes. CO delirious with temp of 105.

Jan 25---Jack got first glasses after series of bad headaches and tests for everything else under the sun. Slight astigmatism

Jan 29-31---to Ct to visit Helen and Mac McCann and Mary; my coldest ever temp of -2 the morning we left and frozen engine parts en route

Jan 31-Feb 4---In Norfolk staying with Sr Wevs while Jack was in special weapons school

Feb 4-6---In Brookneal and return to Philly

Feb 7---Kim Henderson born

---Sometime here early in Feb we heard the Manta would be decommissioned - a real blow to all. Also our Johnson St. apartment stood empty without a subletter most of the time leaving us paying double rent.----

Feb 17---Manta underway for KW

Feb 17-25---Petey and I en route (me driving) Philly to KW via Nor-folk, Eustis and other stops and two flat tires. Petey pregnant and feeling lousy.

Mar 30---Bought new Plymouth sedan

---Through the month a few get togethers with Jack Mixson, also Navy, TDY KW, old college buddy

---Continue substituting

Apr 2-3---Jack and I to Miami; shopping and Andover Club

Apr 11-May 6---Manta in Gitmo; orders in for Intelligence School

Apr 15-18---Miami with Mibby, stayed with her Aunt Jane & Uncle Fred

Apr 21---Looey born (Leutnant von Schlussel West)

Apr 23-May 3---Eustis and Tampa

May 20---brought Looey home

May 27-30---Jean Richardson visited

June 2---Arnett made LCDR

June 14---I'm almost certainly pregnant!

June 14-20---Mary Ann visited

June 25---movers; feeling sooo sick

June 27---We left KW for Brookneal via Eustis and on the 30th Jack returned to Manta in KW

July 1-5---In Brookneal and Buttonwoods RI with FAPs. I wasn't supposed to drive. Had their car and mine, puppy Looey, feeling lousy. Stayed at the inn where I wasn't supposed to have dog. They were at Rice's with much partying

July 5---Kenneth Batt Taylor born

---arrive Portsmouth NH where Manta was decommissioned; have rented room and kitchen privileges with Nana Philbrook, 392 Wibird St. Jack and Arnett stayed there when Quillback was being commissioned

Key West Philadelphia New Hampshire Forestville MD

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July 9---Manta arrived Portsmouth

July 16-17---Jack showed me Andover and we visited old friends

July 29-31---We visited Cynthia and Ritch Palmer in Barrington RI!
Great time! They have 4 kids!

Aug 18---Jack detached from Manta

Aug 18-Sept 11---On leave in Morristown NJ with Batts, Brookneal,
Eustis, Tampa, Columbia seeing Sylvans & Emme, then
to Washington. Missed Kenny's baptism in KW by
being over-tired and over-extended. Caused a lot of
hurt and anger from ABTs.

hurt and anger from ABTs. Sept 12---moved into Glassmanor furnished apartment in SE Maryland

Sept 16---Jack reported to Intelligence School, Anacostia MD

Sept 17---bought first maternity clothes and left the store wearing them - much more comfortable!

Sept 24-25---Sue & Ralph visit; deliver furniture and stuff in store truck

Sept 27---Moved into our first home, Forestville MD, 3 br, 1 bath, no garage, basement, attic or extras, \$13,550

Oct 3-4---Overnight with Arklands at Quantico; Jack on field problem and I got to watch combined forces field exercise

Oct 15-16---Brookneal

Oct 29-30---Mom and Dad Prisley visited us

Nov 23-27---Thanksgiving in Brookneal

Dec 19-28---Christmas leave in Brookneal

Dec 31---Happy New Year at McNulty's with Sue and Ralph visiting us

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----3---Sue & Ralph continue visit
Jan 16-17---Marj & Brad Thomas visit
Feb 4---8 p.m., to Bethesda with labor pains
Feb 5---1:15 a.m. Sunday, young Fred arrives
Feb 10---home from hospital; Mother arrived yesterday
Feb 18---made final settlement on house; my first outing
Feb 22---Mom P. arrived
Feb 24---Mother left on the train
Feb 25---Dad P. arrived; they leave next day
Feb 29---house insulated
Mar 14---Jack into another spell of bad headaches
Mar 31-Apr 2---FAPs visited for Easter
Apr 14-May 13---Judy, Fred & Looey to Eustis by train; sublet house
                to Marge & Bert Findley while Jack was in school in
                Norfolk; visiting & being visited in Florida. It
                was determined that little Jimmy has some form of epi-
                lepsy; medication upset him; no rest for anyone there
Apr 30---start weaning Fred
June 8---Gray Henderson III born
June 14---Jack graduated from Intelligence School; 95 degrees
June 15-July 2---Jack on leave
June 22-26---Brookneal
July 2---Jack started language school; Spanish
Aug 11---have received rumor of orders to Philippines; nothing con-
         firmed till mid-September
Aug 17---FAPs arrived
Aug 18---Polly & Frank Brady arrived
Aug 19---Fred baptized at Trinity Church, North Forestville MD; Brady
         godparents; FAPs also present; small brunch after
Aug 23---Bradys leave; back again 28th-31st; very hot throughout
Aug 31-Sept 3---Labor Day in Brookneal
Oct 1-8---Jack on leave
Oct 12-14---FAPs visited
Oct 31-Nov 4---Mom P. babysat; we went to Morristown NJ with Findleys
               2nd-4th to visit Batts for Brown-Princeton game. On
               the 3rd Russia bombed Hungary.
Nov 7---Eisenhower reelected in landslide
Nov 9-11---Sue & Ralph visited
Nov 16---Jack finished language school
Nov 21 (?)---CATs moved to Bradenton
Nov 22-25---in Brookneal for Thanksgiving; Jack sick; Dad P. drove
            Fred, Looey & me home for doctor's appointment; Jack ar-
            rived next day by train and Dad P. left by train.
Nov 30---movers for things going into storage
Dec 3---final settlement on house
Dec 4---move to Howard & Phyl Crosby's in Arlington
Dec 5---sold the Plymouth
Dec 20-Jan 7---Brookneal and Bradenton with all families in Florida
               for Christmas; Gran quite ill in Tampa
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Jan 2-4---in Key West with ABTs; left little Fred in Bradenton (?); returned on 4th & shipped Looey to Los Angeles by air Jan 5---expect the end is near for Gran; such a hard time for Mother with their recent move, us leaving, Gran's condition Jan 7---12-1/2 hour flight Tampa to Los Angeles Jan 8---left on Pres. Wilson liner for Manila; mix-up caused pre-shipped cabin baggage to be in a hold; we have 2-3 outfits each! Jan 13---12 hours in Honolulu with Gillettes & Arklands; retrieved trunk from hold; met with many leis; left Fred aboard with sitter; lunch at Waikiki Hotel; drove over Pali; visited Gillettes' & Arklands' homes; dinner at Cannon Club, Diamond Head; nightcaps at Royal Hawaiian; midnight departure with music by Royal Hawaiians, hula dancers, throwing of leis Jan 22---9 hours in Yokohama with Bob & Pat Carter, State Dept., son of FAP friends in Brookneal; bought necessary china & glassware at PX; dinner at Camp Zama; Fred on ship with amah Jan 26---arrived Manila; so hot! Stayed at Swiss Inn with amah in residence for Fred Feb 2---(will log in each Saturday the number of social/diplomatic events for preceding week) 10 events Feb 5---Fred's 1st birthday at Murrays' house where we lived after they left Feb 9---7 events Feb 10---moved to 32 Banana Rd. Forbes Park Feb 14---Dad P. had heart attack Feb 16---5 events Feb 23---10 events Feb 26---our shipments arrived from U.S. Mar 2---3 events Mar 7---sure of pregnancy Mar 9---4 events Mar 16---4 events Mar 17---Pres. Magsaysay killed in plane crash in Cebu; country went into mourning; diplomatic & highly social events cancelled Mar 25--- started part-time writing for USIS, Free World Apr 13---2 events Apr 17---mourning ended Wednesday of Holy Week; Maundy Thursday thru Easter national holiday; no social events Apr 21-25--- Was quite sick; flu & dehydration Apr 27---6 events; Jack went alone May 4---4 events May 7---into maternity clothes; felt heat badly and general malaise May 9-11---sick again; probably still the same flu bug May 11---4 events May 18---4 events May 17-19---Jack sick; Taipei riots causing concern thru Pacific May 20---Judy sick again; general flu epidemic; many dying, especially children; servants also sick, only Cesaria & Fred escaping; weather 97+ breaking 10 year records for sustained heat May 24---misearable move to 38 San Lorenzo Dr., San Lorenzo Village;

everyone feeling heat & weakness

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May 25---5 events; missed 3 thru move & sickness
May 28---Dr. Beeson ordered me quiet for 2 weeks; no crowds, no long
         standing, no strange food, no prolonged exposure to heat;
         haven't gained a pound yet despite obvious spreading
June 1---7 events; I missed 4
June 4---some relief! Rains started.
June 8---7 events; I made one small casual one
June 10---3rd anniversary quietly at home
June 11---first weight gain in pregnancy
June 15---only 1 event! Skipped it for quiet anniversary. Because
          most parties are outdoors perhaps rainy season is cause.
          Bred Looey.
June 17---invitations out for our first party; 178 invited for cock-
          tails; usual percentages (& our | hopes!) are for no more
          than 1/3 to show
June 22---NO EVENTS! Denny & Pat Dennis from Clark AFB for weekend
June 29---4 events including ours on 28th; Phil Navy had one same
          night. 82 guests; our helping staff of 4, bartender + 6
          boys, 2 policemen, 3 drivers, electrician for outdoor lites
          and loudspeaker to call cars
July 6---3 events plus all day Fourth at Embassy
July 10---doctor appointment; continuing low thyroid, low pulse, low
          blood pressure
July 13---3 events
July 20---3 events
July 21-27---HongKong with Stones & Dick Leahy; Miramar Hotel at
             about $9.16 US a day. Fred & 'Saria stay with Nusoms.
Aug 3---2 events
Aug 10---4 events
Aug 15---Looey's 2 pups born
Aug 17---5 events
Aug 24---1 event
Aug 29---Capt. & Babs Myers arrived; new haval attache to relieve
         Capt. & Rosemary Nusom
Aug 30---blood pressure normal first time in six months
Aug 31---5 events
Sept 3---our buffet dinner for 34 for Nusoms & Myers
Sept 7---7 events, including ours
Sept 10---Nusoms leave on Pres. Wilson
Sept 14---5 events
Sept 21---2 events
Sept 28---4 events
Oct 5---2 events; Jack only
Oct 7---borderline toxemia as with Fred
Oct 11---our dinner for 10
Oct 12---5 events
Oct 15---brought Looey's puppy home
Oct 19---2 events
Oct 26---4 events, skipped 1
Oct 31---Myers & girls over for drinks, dinner, trick or treat
Nov 1---our precious Stephen Post born Saturday at 8:32 p.m., four
        hours after first pain; crash boat to Sangley Point, Cavite
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- Nov 2---4 events, skipped 1
- Nov 5---home across the bay via ComNavPhil launch with Jack & Steve
- Nov 9---week's events: 7 sets of visitors at home; Jack to 1 of 3 parties; CDR Nicodemus for dinner and overnight
- Nov 16--- Jack only to 4; Stones over for Happy Hour & dinner
- Nov 23---Jack only to 4; 2 dinners at home for officers of submarine Salmon in port
- Nov 30---Jack only to 2; Dennises from Clark AFB for T'giving weekend
- Dec 7---7 events; both skip 1, Jack only to 2
- Dec 14---5 events
- Dec 21---8 events including Gillettes' arrival
- Dec 28---3 events plus Christmas on Wednesday, sightseeing with Gillettes till they left Christmas Day, celebrated family giving on Christmas Eve with Stones to dinner
- Dec 29---Steve's baptism at St. Andrew's Chapel, Episcopal Seminary, Quezon City; Fr. Conrad Myrick; Stones godparents; brunch at our house after including Myricks, Reulands, Stones, Myers
- Dec 30---Pres. Garcia's "austerity" inauguration; 3-hour program in the morning; 3-hour reception in the evening at Malacanang
- Dec 31--- New Year's Eve with Stones & others at Tina & Rene Barrettos

"Events" logged in are for the entire preceding week

Jan 1---Diplomatic Happy New Year! Phil Army Hdq, U.S. Ambassador's home, Presidential reception at Malacanang, Army-Navy Club for lunch, U.S. Admiral's reception at Sangley, Army-Navy Club for supper, then home to bed, skipping reception at the Port of Manila

Jan 2--- Judy goes to work for USIS on Free World publication

Jan 4---Burgess Meredith to dinner; we both had bad colds; skipped two parties

Jan 11---6 events, skipped 1

Jan 15-17---both of us sick; Jack's 31st birthday; barely able to eat

Jan 18---7 events; Jack only to 1; skipped 3

Jan 25---5 events

Jan 31---Explorer, first US satellite launched

---a bad month for health; off and on colds for us and Fred, F&S both having boils on their heads, F finally over long seige of round & pinworms

Feb 1---4 events

Feb 8---4 events including our "chuckwagon barbecue" with Myers for 136 guests

Feb 13---Port commissary closed in Manila; very small Embassy commissary open; have to cross the Bay to Sangley to shop

Feb 15---3 events; Jack only to 1; he's having another seige of bad headaches

Feb 20-25---Fred ill with bacillary dysentery; Dr. Hebert sat up with us for several hours; could have lost F.

Feb 22---9 events; skipped 5 because of F's illness

Mar 1---paid off Bernardo as cook; drinking too much and girls need more help with house & children; hired Rosaria

---5 events and skipped 3; Jack's headaches continue after new glasses and doctors have no other explanation

Mar 5---Rosaria left claiming illness in family; Caesaria and Adelina are capable stalwarts

Mar 8---4 events; missed 1 with Jack at sea

Mar 12---Alice came to work as cook

Mar 15---4 events, miss 1; Jack alone to 1 while Judy's sick

Mar 14-16---to Clark AFB visiting Norman and Pat Dennis

Mar 17---infected insect bite on ankle; wearing elastic bandage

Mar 22---11 events plus 2 military exercises for Jack; missed 2

Mar 29---12 events; miss 2; Jack only to 1

Apr 1---our "hobo party" for 32; despedida for Stones & Pattersons

Apr 2---Stones & Pattersons return to USA

Apr 3---Judy hospitalized at Clark AFB for leg ulcer; Jack spent weekend w/Dennises; returned to Manila Sat 5th for Easter with boys

Apr 12---5 protocol events for Jack + 1 informal w/friends + all day in Baguio w/attaches

Apr 15---home from Clark Hospital after 12 days

Apr 19---2 events; friends to dinner 1 night; Jack to Phil Navy party

---back at home plans proceed to put Jimmy in a private school after exhausting months of diagnosis and coping with his behavior and seizures Apr 21---word of Jack's relief ordered for 30 Aug but no word of orders for us; doc orders me off my feet for still another Apr 26---8 events; miss 4; I return to more vertical life, still in elastic bandage, still some swelling Apr ??---Arnett took command of Grampus in Norfolk May 3---3 informal friendly events, 2 protocol events May 5---can leave off elastic bandage May 10---6 events, missed 3 by Jack's conflicting sked with visiting admirals; temps about 97 with high humidity May 17---13 events including 1 stag, 2 lunches aboard submarines, 3 informal friendly functions, 1 dinner at our house for nine US and Brit submariners; most events involved with SEALINK exercise May 19-23--- Jack to the south with Phil Navy May 24---2 events for me; we skipped 2 May 31---6 events; 1 protocol, others informal friendly ---Jimmy Taylor entered this month in Devereaux School, PA June 2-3---record breaking rains & local flooding; boils again on boys' heads June 7---5 events including 1 stag, 2 casual friendly June 14---10 events including 3 stag, our anniversary fling, 3 with personal friends June 21---5 events including 1 for Judy only June 28---6 events including 3 stag; miss 2 by Jack's being sick + 24 hours at Clark AFB w/Dennises July-----Jack continuing a tummy bug; F has some type of colitis as aftermath of dysentery; Judy overnight at Sangley Hospital and penicillin for possible gastroenteritis/ liver infection; boys with many boils July 4---Frank Brady died July 5---8 events, including 3 w/personal friends, 4 stag ---Aunt Mannie Watson died somewhere along in here July 12---6 events including 1 stag, 1 personal, 1 office July 14---Typhoon Winnie caused cancellation of our plane to Hong Kong; had regretted all invitations for the week so no committments! July 16---Typhoon Betty July 21-27---to HongKong via air attache plane, 6 hours; servants and boys staying at home with American neighbors checking in daily; Judy had a USIS assignment in HK Aug 2---5 events incl. 1 for Judy only, 1 stag, 3 official Aug 9---2 events incl. 1 stag and 1 "hen" Aug 16---4 events; missed 1 for Jack's office obligations Aug 18---orders FINALLY to Pompon, Norfolk, no date; Semeraro

arrives here Sept 20 to relieve

Aug 23---5 events incl. 1 stag Aug 29---Judy ended work with USIS

Aug 30---5 events Sept 6---5 events including our dinner for 10 Sept 8---paper work done to buy a '59 Nash Rambler station wagon for pickup in Washington on return Sept 13---4 events; missed 1; gave a dinner for 8 Sept 15---moved to furnished Embassy Sea Front apartment; no phone; Alice & Adelina went with us; sent 'Saria to Semeraro's house to insure a job for her Sept 16-17---movers for Navy stuff to another house for Semeraros and for our household goods to US Sept 19---Servant problems! Adelina miscarried during night while we were out; went to hospital and disappeared from there; Alice disappeared for the day "to help Adelina" and I fired her on her return; 'Saria helped us for this last day before Semeraros' arrival, then sent us two friends ---dislocated knee during Valero despedida for us; caused swelling of ulcer site Sept 22---enter F in Seafront nursery school for friends & activity for 2 morning hours; he's having a rough time missing "home" & 'Saria Sept 27---4 events, 2 of them despedidas for us Sept 28---to Corregidor by Phil Navy launch for tour Oct----Fred having another round of mild dysentery, bloody stools, low fever, loss of appetite; Dr. Hebert trying to isolate the bug; had to be taken out of nursery school and no swimming Oct 4---8 events, 1 stag; much time with Myers & Semeraros for briefing and showing around the latter Oct 11---10 events Oct 15-18---State Dept made us move out of Seafront "by the rules" for max stay; went to the spare bedroom at Millers', the Stones' relief, who saved the day w/kindness Oct 18---5 events during the week; depart 10 a.m. on MSTS Patrick; arrive 2 p.m. Subic Bay & overnight there; Jack is senior line officer aboard with duties up to 8 hours some days; stowaways, inspections, thefts etc etc Oct 19---5 p.m. depart Subic; we never left the ship; no one to stay with the boys, no transportation, no strollers Oct 20---F & I seasick; 55 mile winds; Steve took first steps alone Oct 22---steam in circles in search of missing US plane; no luck Oct 23---Arrive Guam 3 p.m. for few hours; no one allowed off ship Oct 30---Honolulu 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; went ashore w/boys for lunch and romp on the beach; trip continues cold, windy, rough; veteran travellers say worst of their crossings; ship

packed, playroom too crowded for little ones; we're in

second of three meal sittings, allowed 30 minutes

Oct 31---kids' birthday party to honor three including Steve;

Nov 4---arrive San Francisco 11 a.m.; very foggy and hours late;

Nov 5---go on tour taking F., Steve w/sitter; cable car; Fisher-

about 140 kids attend

stayed at Stratford Hotel

man's Wharf at night

Nov 6---leave SF 9 a.m. PST via United; arrive WDC 7:30 p.m. EST 10-1/2hours; Prisley parents meet us; all, reunited with Looey, spend night at Marriott

Nov 7---Judy, boys, dog to Brookneal with FAPs; awful 5 hour trip; Jack follows later w/new car

Nov 12-22---Jack in WDC for de-briefing, rest of us in Brookneal Nov 24-Dec 3---to Florida to see Taylor parents; Tampans & Patti

Kabeary visit; we to Tampa to see Gran who was at death's door when we left nearly two years ago

Dec 4---arrive Norfolk and settle in sublet house in Poplar Halls;
ABTs and Connollys nearby

Dec 8---Jack to sea on Pompon; Jack selected LCDR

Dec 15---14" snow on ground; Jack relieving as XO; boys have colds; we all need winter clohtes; Christmas shopping to do

Dec 24-28---FAPs for Christmas

Dec 31---Sue & Ralph arrive; New Year's Eve at Little Creek O Club

Jan 2----Sue & Ralph leave --- Jack reports as XO Cutlass Jan 21----Judy & boys spend first night at rental home, 1085 Georgetown Rd., Norfolk. Have been moving in from Poplar Halls sublet over several days. Jack at sea. Have first TV. Jan 23-25--FAPs visit Feb 8-13---Jack to school in New London Mar 20-22--Polly visits us & Arnett; Mibby in Florida with her aunt; Polly checking on job possibility in Chapel Hill Mar 28----FAPs arrive for Easter; Mom P. stays on for week; Dad P. comes following weekend May 8-10---J&J to Brookneal without boys for Mother's Day; Judy needed rest; boys so constantly sick and Jack at sea May 29-31--Brookneal to buy antique desk; bring Sue & kids back June 5-7---Ralph arrives to take Sue & kids home after weekend June 26-28-FAPs visit July 17----Jack makes LCDR July 21----dislocated knee 5th time; later started weight lifting therapy July 24----Tom Howe relieves Chic Bowling as CO Cutlass; thank God! July 28----Gran died; age 86 last month; Arnett, Mibby & I fly to Tampa July 29----Mom P. came to baby sit with Judy away for funeral July 31----Jack's wetting down party at Little Creek; Judy returns 1-1/2 hours before; Dad P. arrives Aug 2----FAPs leave Aug 21-?---FAPs vacation at Va Beach; we visit occasionally Sept 11----Lehr visits couple of days Sept 15----Jack leaves on Cutlass for Med cruise; due home Dec 2, extended at last minute to Indian Ocean; return Dec 29 Sept 16----Judy & boys drive to Florida via Chapel Hill & Columbia Oct 19----we hear that Arnett made CDR Nov 5----Judy & boys leave Florida via Chapel Hill, Brookneal, arriving Norfolk Nov 11 Nov 26-30--Judy & boys in Brookneal for Thanksgiving Dec 17----Arnett relieved as CO Grampus to report to Washington for nuclear training program Dec 21----ABTs move to Washington Dec 25----Judy refused invitation to Brookneal; stayed in Norfolk for news from squadron, involvement with Cutlass families. Boys request for Christmas dinner was their "favorite" - spam, corn and applesauce. Tree & all decorations in place; most gifts waited Jack's return Dec 29----Jack returns from cruise Dec 31----Happy New Year with Carlins at Simons' A pretty tough year readjusting from servants and service of Manila. Felt heat & humidity even worse, having to do my own work. No air conditioning. Jack suffers bad headaches without helpful

diagnosis, treatment. Boys have many colds, ear and throat infections. Jack working for difficult skipper. Me busy as XO wife. Loo-

ey in frequent fights; stitches, infections.

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Jan 4-----Dad P. goes to work in Clarksville
Jan 7-10---all visit Brookneal as their C'ville house not ready
Jan 16----FAPs visit Norfolk for Jack's 33rd birthday
Feb 5-----Fred recovering from virus on his 4th birthday
Feb 14-16--Polly visits; has job with Univ. in Chapel Hill
Feb 19-21--J&J to Washington; sitter with boys; we stay with ABTs
           for annual submarine party
Feb 27----Cutlass leaves for Philadelphia shipyard; we're trying
           to sublet this house so boys & I can go too
Mar 20----Judy & boys to Clarksville; house is sublet; Jack look-
           ing for apartment in Phila area
Apr 4-----JPPs to Parkway Apartments, Haddonfield NJ
May 21----Hate the Navy! Gear stored in cubicle, packed in rental
           trailer. Cutlass families will use apartment as needed
           while we're in housing in New London for PCO school. Tired, frazzled, ready to leave early next a.m. when
           we hear - never officially - that school has been can-
           celled. Unload, unpack...
May 22----Jack's headaches start again and will continue 6 weeks
June 10---- years; dinner at Club, movie
July 4----gala old-time, small town celebration; parade, games,
           food, fireworks in Haddonfield
July 7----Bob Henderson born. Judy has wisdom tooth pulled. Later
           trouble with bone splinters
July 17---return to Norfolk; CATs here for week's visit; Jack imm-
           ediately back to Phila
Aug 13----Cutlass home; FAPs at Va Beach on vacation
Aug 20----Jack reports to ComSubLant Staff; new "splinter" staff
           from New London to accomodate polaris program; he's in-
           telligence/watch officer working varying shifts
Aug 27----bought house at 8107 Pace Rd; unfinished
Aug 31-Sept 7---Jack in Portsmouth Hospital for hernia surgery; on
           Labor Day I visit with picnic and beer
Sept 12---hurricane Donna; much damage to piers and in area; none
Sept 27---sailors move us to new house; Jack can't lift/carry
Oct 1-4----Polly visits; much help
Oct 31----both boys home with bad colds on raw, foggy Halloween
Nov 1-----boys still ailing for Steve's 3rd birthday
Nov 8-----Kennedy elected president in hard win over Nixon
Nov 16-18--Paul & Martha Gillette visit
Nov 23-26--Thanksgiving in Clarksville with 5 Hendersons too
Nov 29----Fred's EEG for blackouts/"seizures"; nothing definite
Dec 9----32nd b'day at home; boys eager for shared celebration
Dec 25----FAPs on 3-day visit for Christmas; adults to midnight
           service
Dec 31----Happy New Year in bed by 9 p.m.; both feeling "puny";
           expecting ABTs tomorrow
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A real delight in new home, but burdened by cost of fixing up and wanting things. Refreshing and unburdened time (mostly) in Haddonfield. New experiences of real pleasure with the boys.

Jan 1-3----ABTs here, stay at Sally Simon's; Jack & Judy ailing Jan 11-12----Sue and Ralph visit Feb 2-5----Leave boys in Clarksville with FAPs and spend weekend in Chapel Hill with Polly - first "vacation" from boys; celebrate F's 5th b'day with Mimi & Gramps Feb 13-----Jack leaves for San Juan; Judy, boys and Looey driving to Florida; just certain of pregnancy! Feb 27-----Jack arrives in FL from San Juan Mar 7-----leave Bradenton; home 9th Apr 2-----Easter; FAPs here for weekend Apr 5-----Alan Shepherd first US astronaut May 13-----Judy on dependent cruise on Triton; nuclear sub and world's largest; Ned Beach CO; first day of no sickness from pregnancy! May 26-28----Bill & Mary Jane Stone visit from Kansas June 10----our 7th; Polly & Tommy Kelley arrive from Chapel Hill; Jack off watch officer routine June 11-----Taylor parents arrive; leave for New London 13th for launching of SSBN Thomas Edison, Arnett XO June 15-28---Fred & Steve in Lutheran Bible School June 18-----Polly & Tommy leave June 21-----Jack becomes assistant force ops, ComSubLant; CATS stop en route home from New London; stay till 26th July 4----quiet day at home with boys; used flag first time July 8-10----visit FAPs in Clarksville July 14-----Jack starts series of histamine shots for headaches July 24-27---Polly visits (June-July-August Fred has three attacks of tonsilitis; Steve has two plus one bad ear infection) Aug 11-20----FAPs vacation at Virginia Beach; we occasionaly visit Aug 25-Sept 4--Jack on leave; boys in Clarksville; we visit there, in Brookneal and stay at home painting bedrooms Sept 5-----Fred enters St. John's Cooperative Kindergarten Sept 10-----Jack starts as assistant teacher at Sunday School; 10 year old boys Oct 26-----Elizabeth Sarah born at 2:36 a.m. Thursday; Mother arrives 27th from Florida to stay till Nov 13 Oct 30-----Home from hospital; Halloween next day; Steve's 4th birthday following day; had made devil costume for Fred & skeleton for Steve Nov 4-8-----Polly visits Nov 10-12----FAPs visit Nov 23-----our first celebrated, solitary Thanksgiving Dec 9-----Judy's 33rd; family party at lunch with very excited boys; nite dinner with Jack at Carriage House, movie Dec 20-27----Jack on leave; beautiful peaceful family Christmas Dec 29-Jan 1-Polly and Lehr visit for Elizabeth's baptism at Good Shepherd on 31st; adults to Williamsburg 30th for dinner, decorations Happy New Year! Jack has the duty; Judy, kids, Lehr, Polly to Shoney's for supper and drive to see ship decorations

Jan 1-----Lehr & Polly leave Jan 20-21--FAPs visit Jan 22----Blue Monday! Jack didn't screen for a submarine command. Big blow. Thanks to Chic Bowling's fitness reports and the first of Tom Howe's which should have been "not observed". He'll go to ONI, Pentagon Feb 1-4---Polly & Tommy Kelly visit Feb 17----we visit FAPs in Clarksville for weekend and Mom P. breaks arm at Club dance Feb 20----CDR Glenn orbits earth three times Feb 23----Fred & Steve to their first movie, Pinnochio Mar 7----Big wind, rain and tidal storm; much damage along coast Mar 10----Thomas E. Edison launched in New London; Arnett XO Mar 13----Looey's final illness; sudden paralysis in rear end ----Mibby in hospital; pill overdose; Mother & Dad there to visit; stay on to help when Edison gets under way 18th Mar 29----Edison in port; see Arnett at Club Apr 4-6---Jack in Washington scouting new job & housing Apr 7-----Looey put to sleep in great sorrow Apr 11-17--Edison in port; Mibby visits us while Mother still stays in NL with kids; Pres. Kennedy on Norfolk visit and aboard Edison Apr 20-22--Prisley parents visit for Easter; Fred sick with what later turned out to be chicken pox May 4-6---weekend in Washington with Jack for apartment hunting; Addie with children at home; Mother joins us from NL and goes home with us after long stay in NL May 7----Steve and Elizabeth down with chicken "pops" May 9-----Mother leaves for Florida and Dad May 30----Polly arrives to help with move June 1----leave Norfolk; house is rented; overnight in Richmond June 2----move into #101, 919 N. Van Dorn St., Alexandria. A new era with first air conditioner (apartment only, not car), first dishwasher, still an awful lot of ironing before permaprest June 7----Polly leaves June 15----Jack reports to intelligence job at Pentagon; retrospect proves it a career enhancing job and his most exciting June 21----M.J. & Bill Stone almost neighbors at Brookville Apts., readying for duty in Taiwan June 29-July 2---Prisley parents visit July 4----zoo with Stones and all kids; Steve got lost; JPPs see monument fireworks from Dave Kenney's apartment July 8----start regularly attending and later join Grace Epsicopal Church, Edward L. Merrow rector July 10----Fred starts swimming lessons July 21----Stones leave for Taiwan Aug 4----Steve gets 2-wheeler from Kenny ------Prisley parents have moved to Sarasota FL Aug 13-24--boys to Grace Church Bible school Aug 16-18--Sue and Ralph visit

Aug 25-28--Polly visits; Tommy Kelly overnight to drive her home

- Aug 26-31--Robin visits; 12 years old; dear child
- -----Fred having recurrent fevers, headaches, swollen glands; never any firm diagnosis
- Sept 4----Fred enters 1st grade, Minnie Howard School, Mrs. Uhler -----Steve right sick for a week, fever, swollen glands, rash
- Oct 21-Nov 2---Lehr visits
- Oct 22----Cuban missile crisis; Jack hardly home except for clean clothes and some sleep; exciting high profile job
- -----Elizabeth sick with fever and sore throat
- Oct 30----Judy joins Daughters of the King, Grace Church
- Oct 31----Steve's 5th birthday, first party, Halloween style
- Nov 22----Thanksgiving; Jack and boys to church; simple dinner; restful day
- Nov 23-25--Polly visits
- Dec 11----children and I to FL by plane; 5 hours trip including 2 hours late
- Dec 12-13--worst freeze of century in Florida
- Dec 19----Jack arrives by plane
- Dec 23----Dad P. to hospital; admitted with severe abdominal pain
- Dec 24----not a very merry gathering; CATs, JPPs, Mom P and Lehr in Bradenton for adult gift giving
- Christmas--at Prisley's in Sarasota; Dad P. still in hospital; all others to right dreary dinner at Zinn's
- Dec 26----surgery for Dad P; diverticulum
- Dec 27----temps in 80s; all to beach and boys in swimming; Hender-sons arrive in Sarasota
- Dec 29----all JPPs fly back to Washington from 80-ish weather to sleet and 6" snow on ground; a tiring and hassled holiday with hospital visits and back and forth Bradenton to Sarasota; good to be home
- Dec 30----boys' first sledding
- Dec 31----Happy New Year at Bob and Audrey Gassie's with Koneccis and Hattas

Alexandria: Van Dorn Key West: Elizabeth St. Donald Ave.

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Jan-----kids and Judy much sick; on 24th 3 degree temps
Feb 3-----take boys and Robbie Gassie to lunch and Smithsonion
            for F's b'day celebration; F. sick in bed on the 5th
Feb 4-13----all kids sick, especially Steve, worst and longest
Feb-----boys and E. sick with throat & ear infections so much
Feb 25-----Steve starts kindergarten at Grace Episcopal; well
            ready!
Mar 2-6----F&S temps of 102, sore throats; doctor & medications
Mar 4----- E temp of 103, ears; doctor & meds
Mar 7-9----Jack & I sick
Mar 10-15---Jack to school in NorVa
Mar 20----Fred cut above right eye; eight stitches Mar 22-24---Arnett visits from school at Dam Neck
Mar 22-Apr 1---E. has upper respiratory infection; pretty sick
Apr 10-----Maundy Thursday; NS Thresher down with all hands
Apr 11-----Fred gets bands on back teeth till June 11
Apr 14-----Easter, all to church; F. getting very sore tongue and
            infection from band hooks wearing a hole in tongue;
poor little guy! Little eating and weight loss
Apr 25-----Judy has blood poisoning, left hand; unknown source
Apr 27----ABTs with Robin overnight
May 9-----96 degree temp broke all records; apartments still rig-
            ged for heat, not air conditioning
May 12----Judy inducted into Daughters of the King, Grace Church
May 12-15---Judy has laryngitis
May 17-19---to Brookneal to visit Hendersons
May 21-26---Polly visits
June 2-7---E quite sick; strange rash; stomach pains; blood tests;
            no diagnosis
June 10----9th anniversary; no celebration
June 14----Fred sick till 25th; diagnosed as maybe mono, maybe
            measles, maybe who-knows; later concluded it must have
            been measles without typical rash
June 22----NS Tecumseh launched; Arnett CO; Mother & Dad in NL for
            ceremony, then to us
June 25----leave Van Dorn apts. for nite in motel
June 26----leave Alexandria in caravan with CATs; Steve and Eliza-
            beth sick, temps, throwing up; Dad's arm very painful
June 28----arrive FAPs, Sarasota and right to doctor; E's temp
            104.4; she and Steve have measles
July 8-16---Fred & Steve visit CATs in Bradenton, Lehr in Tampa; E
            with FAPs in Sarasota
July 10-16--J&J in Key West alone; he reports as CO Barracuda; I
             look for a house; no quarters available for long time
        16--moved to 214 Elizabeth St.; terrible 2-story furnished
            house across street from power plant and shrimp docks
        16--all folks and Lehr arrive with children; appalled at
            our living conditions
July 17----Jack's change of command ceremony; family leaves after
Aug 9-----bought Suzy, white pit bull
Aug 18-----Fred cut arm falling out of tree on wood picket fence;
            11 stitches
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Aug 23-25---J&J in Miami Aug 29-----boys enter Grace Lutheran; Fred in 2nd grade with Mr. Schroeder; Steve in 1st with Miss Hagen Sept 5----Jack selected for CDR Sept 12----blessed with a move to rental house, 3808 Donald Ave.; move essential for security before Gitmo; no a.c. Sept 15----Jack & 'Cuda leave for Gitmo Sept 17----first raves about "easy ironing" with dacron/ cotton uniform shirts; beginning of new era of housewifery Sept 18-25--eight days of mostly flooded conditions on island; trouble with cars, schools, phones, wiring etc. Sept 23-Oct 1---E. so sick, strange blotchy rash, nausea, diarrhea, possible German measles? no diagnosis Sept 29-Oct 1---Steve sick Oct 13-----Fred's first time as an acolyte; Holy Innocents Oct 20-----Barracuda returns Oct 21----Jack puts on CDR hat, stripe Nov 2-----celebrate Steve's 6th birthday taking F, S, guests to Theater of the Sea, Santini porpoise school Nov 9-----our precious Suzy hit by car; died within the hour Nov 12-15---FAPs and Mom T. here for Jack's wetting down party on 13th with John Jensen at O. Club Nov 17-----Steve's first time as an acolyte; Holy Innocents Nov 22-----President Kennedy assassinated Nov 28-----quiet family Thanksgiving; Jack & boys to boat & movie Dec 5----- acquired yellow tom cat, named "Jasper" by Steve Dec 9----out to dinner for 35th birthday Dec 16----serious car trouble at 55,000; get new Rambler with air conditioning! Dec 23-----FAPs arrive; we go carolling with Fellows, Gravesons, Crouters Dec 28-----FAPs leave after wonderful Christmas Dec 31-----Happy New Year at big party at Joe and Maureen Jockel's

Jan 6-----Barracuda starts hosting wardroom of Peruvian submarine Iquique, in KW for overhaul Jan 8-----Jack starts another spell of headaches Jan 26-----Jack installed junior warden, Holy Innocents Mission Jan 26-Feb 3---Steve has pneumonia Feb 2-----Judy installed president Episcopal Church Women Feb 14-25---on leave in Sarasota, Bradenton Mar 29----rainy Easter on Donald Ave., KW Apr 14----Judy capped as Gray Lady, hospital volunteer Apr 24----move from 3808 Donald Ave. to 1063-B Halsey Dr., Trumbo Point; air conditioned! Apr 27-----Iquique party for Barracuda Apr 29-----Barracuda leaves for about 🕉 weeks in Gitmo May ??----Tecumseh commissioned in New London; Arnett CO May 9-13----Taylor parents visit over Mothers Day June 6-----Barracuda returns from Gitmo June 10----quiet 10th at Seven Seas and Key Wester June 13-15--all to Ft. Lauderdale; see Arnett on Tecumseh; visit Seaquarium, Monkey Jungle, Santini's Porpoise School June 26-30--Prisley parents visit July 4----celebrate at home hosting picnic; Peruvian Carcelens and Hamer neighbors July 23-Aug 1---on leave; Bradenton, Taylor family reunion in Lake Wales; FAPs are in New England July 30----get puppy, Penny, from Bradenton Humane Society Aug 6-----Steve cut head at pool; three stitches Aug 7----Judy has frenectomy Aug ??----Arnett selected for Captain Aug 18-----Judy SubRon Wives' chairman for Dolphin Scholarships Aug ??-----Elizabeth has first tricycle Aug 25-----Barracuda leaves for 3 months-plus overhaul in Portsmouth VA Aug 27-----Grace Lutheran School opens; now Fred has Miss Hagen in third grade, Steve has Mr. Schroeder in second Sept 23-Oct 2---Jack home on leave from overhaul Oct 1----- Iquique leaves; nine months of fun and friendships Oct 11-----Holy Innocents moves into new building Oct 14-----all to hurricane shelter for about 8 hours for Isabel Nov 5----A lark! Miami with Alix Fellows, Karen Hamer, Betty Steele Nov-----note a new era in life without such a heavy bugaboo of ironing; permapressed school pants for the boys! Nov 26----Thanksgiving; Jane Humphrey spends day Dec 9-----Barracuda home from overhaul Dec 22-29---Prisley parents visit for Christmas; Jack has throat infection; all three children sick 24-48 hours Dec 31-----Happy New Year here with Smiths, Jensens, McGuinnesses, McElroys, Fellows, Steeles, D'Orsos

A year dear in friendships with Fellows and Gravesons; George,

Jamie and Fred a terrible threesome on bus and at school.

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Jan 2-----take puppy Penny to Humane Society with hopes of find-
             ing her a good country home; she's attacking children
Jan 16-----surprise 38th for Jack with Fellows, Coupes, Shers
Jan 30-Feb 1-George and Fran Buell visit
Feb 5-----Fred's 9th; four boys for bowling, then supper here
Feb 13-----bought Yellowstone 16-foot RV trailer
Feb 26-28----CATs visit with Margaret and "Shack" Dunlap of KY
Mar 24-26----FAPs and GRHs visit
Apr 2-----boys' placement tests: F in tie for top place in class
             of 32; S at top of class of 20
Apr 11-17----FAPs visit
Apr 23-----movers clear us out for Monterey; quick decision for
             early move, taking boys' schoolwork, for g'pt visit
Apr 27-----Judy & kids leave KW by bus for Bradenton
May 6-8----Judy to KW for Jack's change of command on May 8, then
            together drive "Dumbo" to Bradenton
May 8-11----all in Sarasota
May 11-13----all in Bradenton
May 13-----Lady Lake with Buells
May 14-----trailer park in Ocala; brake trouble with car
May 15----filling station in Eufala, AL
May 16----trailer park in Jackson, MS
May 17----see Vicksburg; nite in trailer park in Bossier City LA
May 18-----visit Spellings (McIntosh cousin) in Marshall TX;
            night in Longview with Mrs. Gray, Mattie Jensen's mom
May 19-----Arlington TX trailer park
May 20-----Big Spring TX trailer park
May 21-----Carlsbad Caverns park, only trailer there
May 22-----Deming NM trailer park; pretty poor experience
May 23-26----Tucson with Brad & Marj Thomas
May 26-28----Phoenix with Jim & Dot Thomas & Kelly
May 28-31---- Gran Canyon; great time except for Jack's headaches
May 31----see Hoover Dam; nite at Lake Mead park
June 1-----Wasco CA; motel
June 2-----Monterey; stay in trailer at Connellys' quarters
June 3-8----VOQ at Ft. Ord
June 9-----Move to #2 Gillespie Lane, La Mesa Village; Jack on
             staff at PG School
June 25-----Pepsi born
June 28-July 2---boys in day camp
June 30-----Connellys leave for last schools before Japan
July 4-----gala 2-day celebration in La Mesa; cold
July 12-16---boys in day camp
July 26-30---boys in day camp
July 30-Aug 1---camping weekend at Big Sur
Aug 12-----buy Pepsi in Carmel
Aug ??----sold Norfolk house
Aug 20-22----Santa Rosa for McCloskey wedding with all kids, dog &
             cat in trailer
Aug 27-Sept 4---Thomases visit, leaving Kelly with us part of the
             time for Jim & Dot to go to convention in 'Frisco
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Sept 14-17--- Jack to Washington on routine business; links up with
            new staff opening and comes home with word of immedi-
             ate move. Oh woe!
Oct 1-3----leave Monterey; Anaheim to see Disneyland and Knotts'
            Berry Farm (before Disney World opened in Florida)
Oct 3-----park off road at Wickenburg AZ for 5 hours sleep
Oct 4----in Phoenix with Thomases
Oct 5-----park off road west of Alberquerque
Oct 6-----park off road at McLean TX
Oct 7----park at gas station at Springfield MO
Oct 8----a break at rec park near East St. Louis for showers,
             laundry, rest
Oct 9-----Dayton OH; Pepsi to vet, sick
Oct 10-----Holiday Inn at Bedford PA
Oct 11-18----stay with Fellows in Annandale; Gravesons living near
            Baileys' Xroads; great reunion and thank God for
             friends! Judy as close to "cracking" as ever happened
Oct 15-----sign papers to buy house in Arlington; will take time
             to get occupancy
Oct 18-Nov 30---live at Presidential Gardens Apts in Alexandria;
                Judy takes boys daily to and from their school in
                Arlington; Matthew Maury, F in 4th grade with
               S in 3rd grade with ???
Oct 22-Nov 9----Elizabeth has ear infections and dead baby tooth
                pulled
Nov 1-----Steve's 8th birthday; lost in the shuffle?
Halloween----makeshift costumes, but fun anyhow as clan gathers at
            Fellows for Trick or Treat
Nov 25-----Thanksgiving at Fellows
Dec 1-----move into 511 N. Monroe St., Arlington
Dec 11-Jan 2-CATs for their first-ever Christmas visit with us
Dec ??----carolling from Crouters (McLean) with Fellows,
             Gravesons
Dec 25----Judy ailing
Dec 27-----Jack takes leave
Dec 31-----Happy New Year quietly at home with Mom, Judy & Jack
             all under the weather
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NOTE: Telephone calls were still very much considered for emergencies only or under pressure of instant circumstances, not just to "catch up" and visit. Jack was so excited about his high-powered new job! Judy close to succumbing to depression. Never were friends more important. And the house in Arlington required such intensive re-working and cleaning, both by professionals and by Judy.

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Jan 1-----Mother, kids and me to Nutcracker Ballet
Jan 2-----CATs leave
Jan 7-----Steve starts orthodontics
Jan 7-11-----FAPs visit
Jan 15----Jack's 39th with Crouters, Fellows, Gravesons here
Jan 21-23----Sue, Ralph and kids visit
Jan 23-27----Jack in London
Jan 30-----blizzard: 18-22" before it's all over; area paralyzed
Feb 5-----Fred's 10th; Fred Minyard for Fred and Steve Mee for
              Steve spend night and go with Jack to USS Drum and
             Navy Museum
      -----Jack starts headaches again
Feb 11-13----Jack and Judy to Plainville CT for Mary McCann-David
             Karrick wedding; E stays at Crouters, S at Fellows,
             F at Gravesons
Feb 24-----Steve into orthodontic braces and headgear; Fred be-
              comes Cub Scout
Apr 8-17-----Polly visits; Easter on 10th
Apr 9-10, 17-18---Dad Prisley visits en route consulting job
Apr 21-22----Bob Kabeary visits; Patti & kids in NY awaiting house
             here and job move
Apr 23-24----Ralph Jensen visits on business trip
Apr 26-----Bob Carlin overnight "
Apr 29-May 11-Jack on leave
May 2-5----Bob Kabeary visits
May 17-20----Bob Connolly visits on business from Japan
    17-----Jack starts desensitization shots for headaches
May 26-31----McCanns visit; Mary & David in tiny apartment
June 10-12---our 12th; family camping at Gore VA
June 14-----school out
June 20-----Bob Steele overnight on business trip
June 22-----CATs to Hawaii to visit ABTs
June 23-29----Judy, kids, Pepsi, trailer to Chapel Hill to see
             Polly
June 30-July 1---ditto to Brookneal with Hendersons
July 1-5----Jack to B'neal and all to lake with Hendersons
July 8-20----FAPs visit
July 30-Aug 4-in Fairhaven VT at Lake Sunrise with Jim, Dot, Kelly
              Thomas
Aug 6-11-----trailer camp, Senger's Mountain Lake, Greenville VA
Aug 15-16----FAPs visit
Aug 20-28----Fellows, Gravesons, Prisleys camp at Endless Caverns
Sept 3-----in touch with Barbara Coupe who has moved to Arling-
             ton with kids following divorce; Dick in Phila Navy
             Hospital after suicide attempt
Sept 6-----kids to school; Fred, 5th grade, Mrs. Scales; Steve,
              4th grade, Miss Dungan; Elizabeth, Our Savior Luther-
              an kindergarten, Mrs. Ward
Sept 7-----ABTs arrive from Hawaii for Pentagon duty
Sept 14-19----Elizabeth right sick; undiagnosed fevers
.....58 days of summer with temps over 90 breaking all records
       since 1872.....no house a.c.
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Octo	oberSteve becomes Cub Scout, Fred moves up to Webelos; Steve taking violin at school, art in recreation classes; Fred in Saturday rifle class
Oct	26Elizabeth's 5th; Katy & Billy Downs for cake and ice cream
Oct	31boys to Halloween party at church; Steve won first prize as "The Thing", in green box; his own creation
Nov	1just family for Steve's 9th, then Dan Fellows and Dean Coder overnight on the 4th and to Wax Museum
	Judy to work at Turkish Embassy for commercial coun- sellor; 3 hours a day
Nov	8Elizabeth's first stitches, 3, cut finger at school 14-17Jack to Newfoundland, Iceland, London
Nov	24Thanksgiving: early church, then acolyte breakfast and group to football game; all out to dinner with ABTs
Nov	28Jack's headaches again
	11to tree farm in Mt. Airy MD with ABTs and Coupes for Christmas tree; cold, raw
Dec	20-Jan 2Polly with us for Christmas and does Oz garden
Dec	30our open house
Dec	31Happy New Year at home; David and Mary Karrick, Helen and Mac McCann with us and Polly for leftover fish-house punch and fresh champagne

Obviously a busy and family oriented year plus new excitement of my job at the Turkish Embassy. Much aware of recurring ills and ails, of stress of finances and traffic. Jack consistently enthusiastic about his very high visibility job. In re-reading old letters I find with incredulity that there were so many people, events, involvements that I have absolutely no recollection of.

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Jan 2-----Polly returns to Chapel Hill
Jan 17-----Jasper hurt under rear wheel of our own car
Jan 20-----Jack's 40th celebrated jointly with Charlie Fellows at
            Crouters'
Jan 27----space launch burned on launch pad; 3 astronauts killed
Feb 3-----Jasper put to sleep; seemed to be getting well, but had
            irreparable internal injuries
Feb 5-----Fred's 11th; Jamie Fellows spends nite of 3rd and on
            4th Jack takes them with Fred Minyard, Craig Coder and
            Steve bowling and to movie
Feb 12-16---Jack in London
Feb 17-20---Coupes with us after apartment fire
Mar 6-12----Jack in Oslo
Mar 24-29---Sue, Kim & Gray visit for Easter
Apr 4----attend Turkish Embassy reception for Presidents Sunay
            and Johnson
Apr 8-9----Fred's first Scout camping trip
Apr 14-16---Gettysburg with trailer; take Richard Coupe
Apr 18-----Mom Prisley's second cataract operation
Apr 24-----CATs arrive to visit us and ABTs (Lake Barcroft)
May 3-----Fred starts treatment for plantar wart on foot
May 4-6---- I drive Cynthia and me to our 20th St. Mary's reunion
May 9-----CATs end visit
May 22----Judy president of Daughters of the King, Grace Church
June 11----end of Sunday School; Steve highest in his class; Fred
            one of two highest in his class
June 18-30--young Bill Stone staying with us; Bill in Vietnam; M.J.
           and girls with her parents & moving to Mt. Vernon home
June 27-30--Jack in San Francisco
June ??----Fellows & Crouters leave the area
       ----Israelis victorious in short war
July 4----celebrate with M.J. Stone & kids at their house
July 5-----boys start music school: Fred, cornet; Steve, violin
July 9-16---Fred to Scout camp at Goshen
July 21-31--FAPs with us
-----Judy experiencing bad allergy/sinus with no relief;
            Jack in another spell of histamine cephalgia headaches
Aug 10----Fred becomes Second Class Scout
Aug 17-----Buells arrive; will use house but stay in their RV in
            the driveway while we're away
      -----boys finish music school
Aug 18-----leave on 2+ week trip in "Dumbo" taking Bill Stone with
            us to Fellows in New London, Crouters in New Hampshire,
            Bay of Fundy, McCanns in Connecticut
Sept 5----home; good trip
Sept 6----kids start school a day late: Fred 6th grade at Maury,
            Mr. Nesbitt; Steve 5th grade, Mrs. Scales; Elizabeth
            1st grade, Our Saviour Lutheran, Mrs. Holtz
Sept 8----get gray kitten Linus from Coupes as they can't have
            him at the apartment
Sept 12----Jack's headaches over; longest spell yet
Sept ??----Fred starts his newspaper sales; takes bus from school
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to Rosslyn and sells Star on the streets and at offices; new freedom and responsibility Oct 5-----Jack put in his letter asking for retirement 1 July '68 Oct 13-15---to Williamsburg with trailer; take Joyce Coupe Oct 16----Steve out of orthodontic braces; he's been SO good! Oct 26-----Steve goes into Webelos -----Elizabeth's 6th with Katie & Billie Downs to supper -----Navy resignations/retirements deferred for a year (including Jack's) because of Vietnam Halloween---F. a scarecrow for 5th year; S. a martian designed by him and made with Jack; E. a drum majorette Nov 1-----Steve starts wearing glasses part time; we hate it for him, especially having put up with braces; he's sick for his 10th Nov 7-----Jack president, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Grace Church Nov 9-12---- Jack and I to visit Polly in Chapel Hill; F. on Scout camp; Steve and Elizabeth with Stones Nov 13-17--- Jack to Norway Nov 26-----Patti Kabeary baptized; we're sponsors Nov 27-30--- Jack in Norfolk; bad cold and cough Nov 30----8" snow breaking all November records Dec 18-----Fred begins long very sick siege of a viral infection of lymph glands; very occasionally better and tries school/paper job; doesn't read, watch TV, play games Dec 20-27---Jack starts leave on 20th; Polly visits; she and Steve do Santa's Workshop Christmas garden Dec 22----Fred has so many urgent inquiries and invitations from the offices he sells papers to that we transport him for his first "office party"; still more sick than well Dec 29-30---Jack to Brookneal to see FAPs and GRHs Dec 31-----Happy New Year with kids in bed, us playing cards with a bottle of champagne

NOTES: --- The Jews have sovereign control of Jerusalem. Beginning of fulfillment of Bible prophecy?

---Standardized nationwide testing of 6th graders shows Fred in top 8%.

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New Years---Fred still sick; lost 11 pounds
Jan 4 -----Polly died in Chapel Hill
Jan 6-12 --- CATs and Judy in Chapel Hill; Arnett & Mibby there
            briefly; record breaking, troublesome but beautiful
            ice storm; we stay with various friends; CATs return
            with Judy, rental trailer, to visit us and ABTs till
            23rd. Memorial service for Polly in Episcopal Church
            and I scattered her ashes in the snow of her beloved
            Battle Woods
Jan 11 ----Mom Prisley to hospital for surgery
Jan 26 ----Fred's last day on paper job for busy schedule ahead
Jan 29 ----boys start confirmation class twice weekly, Grace
Feb 5 -----Fred's 12th; scant attention in flurry of move, but
            he's so excited just to be 12!
Feb 12 ----move Monroe St. to rental on 1st Rd. South; boys change
            to Barcroft School
Feb 15 ----settlement on Monroe St. house; good deal! Bill Heri-
            ford brought Polly's car up; Jack pleased to have 2.
            BH still trying to sell Polly's airedale pup
Mar 22-25---Jack in Ottawa
Mar 24-----Phil Taylor & Loren Kelley visit; first arrival in D.C.
            for co-op gov't jobs
Mar 27 ----all family to Ringling Circus
Mar 30-31 -- all Gravesons visit from shipyard in Norfolk
Apr 4 -----Martin Luther King assassinated
Apr 5-6 ----race riots in District; demonstrations continue after
Apr 7 -----sold "Dumbo" trailer to Bill Heriford
Apr 15-19 -- Jack on leave
Apr 28 ---- Jack to Oslo, London; end of worst-ever headache spell
Apr 30 ----boys' last confirmation class
May 4 -----Jack home from Oslo, London
May 5 -----Kenny confirmed a.m. at St. (?) and we go; Fred & Steve
            confirmed at Grace Church, Bishop Samuel Chilton, VA
            suffragan. ABTs, Stones join us at church and home
May 11-12 -- weekend at Northern Neck with Merricks; Loren stays
            with the kids for the first time
May 12-14 -- Elizabeth has German measles; on the 14th Polly's aire-
            dale arrives by plane for us to sell
May 15 ----Pepsi has severe tonsilitis for nearly two weeks
May 18 ----Steve's first campout with Webelos/fathers
May 19 ----sell the airedale
May 28 ----first Steve, then Fred come down with German measles
May 30 ----Judy ends job at Turkish Embassy
June 1 ----measles over
June 2 ----Dad P. in hospital; ulcer
June 4-5 ---cousins Chic & Hazel Ash visit from New England
June 6 ----Robert Kennedy assassinated
June -----Fred's worst year in school; no motivation; Mr. Nes-
            bitt very poor teacher
June 12-14--Jack to Halifax
June 15-16--Jack and boys on Brotherhood of St. Andrew retreat in
            Yorktown/Williamsburg
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June ??----Linus to animal shelter; never been a real pet
June 28 ----leave & business trip for us w/Jack to New London with
             Fellows; Amherst with Crouters; Plainville CT with
            McCanns
July 5 ----back home
July 6-13---Fred at Goshen Scout camp
July 17 ----Fred & Steve by plane to Bradenton; Steve will go to
            Diocesan camp in Avon Park
July 19 ----move from 1st Rd.; stay at ABTs; Polly's old car to
            Barbara Coupe
July 24 ---- Jack, Elizabeth and I to Brookneal
July 25 ----FAPs leave Brookneal with Elizabeth
July 26 ---- Brookneal to Sanford; Jack selected for captain
July 27 ----pick Steve up from camp and on to Bradenton
Aug 5 -----to Sarasota
Aug 6 -----Fred cut foot in power mower; 11 stitches
Aug 13 ----to Key West; we stay with Shers; kids with Gravesons
Aug 16 ---- Jack takes command SubDiv 122; FAPs, CATs, Mil and Mary
            Ann Taylor, Elizabeth Coleman all on hand 15th-17th
Aug 17 ----Judy and kids to Bradenton and to EHT cottage at Lake
            Wales; EHTs, FAPs visit during our stay there waiting
            for housing in KW
Aug 22 ----Russia moves into Czechoslovakia
Sept 3 ----Judy and kids return to KW
Sept 4 ----kids start school late; Fred, 7th at Horace O'Bryant;
            Steve, 6th, Grace Lutheran, Mr. Rose; Elizabeth, 2nd, GL, Mrs. Dube; S&E really suffer from no a.c. at GL
Sept 5 ----buy boat
Sept 6 ----move into 1056-A Halsey Dr., Trumbo, with real disap-
            pointment! As CDR and DivCom we "rate" single house
            on water; at least we have a.c.
Sept 8-17 -- Jack at DivCom school in New London, then Norfolk
          --George Graveson goes from CO Picuda to Squadron Ops; more comfortable not to face "favoritism" with skipper
Sept 20
September ----We all go to St. Paul's in town instead of Holy
                Innocents mission. Boys in Scouts, Elizabeth in
                ballet, Judy in surgical clinic with Red Cross, Jack
                in Barbershoppers
Oct 3 -----Elizabeth starts Brownies
Oct 16 ----Hurrican Gladys - false alarm; Barb Graveson and child-
            ren, my children, Pepsi and I at Shers'; Jack and
            George on duty with squadron
Oct 18-20 -- Scout Camporee, Miami, 300 boys; F&S patrols tied for
            2nd place; F. tapped into Order of the Arrow
Oct 26 ----Elizabeth gets new bike for 7th b'day; training wheels
Oct 31 ----Elizabeth fell from monkey bars at school broke and
            cracked both upper front permanent teeth; trouble later
Halloween---Busy TorT in Trumbo! Fred a ghost with chains; Steve
            a mummy; Elizabeth in old witch costume; Jack a ghost
            in front patio, smoking pipe and giving candy
Nov 1 -----Steve's 11th and he gets his first new bike instead of
            Fred or Kenny's hand-me-down
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- Nov 5 -----Richard Nixon elected president Nov 7 -----Fred becomes 1st Class Scout; Steve, Tenderfoot Nov 8-10 ---Fred's Order of the Arrow Ordeal Nov 12-18---Jack to Gitmo Nov 20 -----Sally Cellar died Nov 25 ----Jack put on eagles and new stripe Nov 26 ----CATs arrive for visit -----HMS Rhyl in and out frequently with much socializing and I'm invited whether Jack's around or not Dec 4 -----CATs leave Dec 9 -----Judy turns 40; Jack presents topaz pendant early, then has to be away briefly Dec 20 ----FAPs arrive Dec 21-27 --3-man Apollo 8 orbit of moon Dec 24 ----Fred & Steve serve; first time attending midnite Mass Dec 25 ----Ralph Henderson died about 6 a.m.; Jack and folks drive to Sarasota and fly to Brookneal ----Steve's Christmas garden was Holy Land scene with Roman soldiers, village etc Dec 31 ---- Jack home 11:45 p.m.; Happy New Year with Gravesons, Pfeiffers, Van Houtens, Meisners, Burnetts
- NOTES: --- A lnew trial liturgy for the Episcopal Church.
 - --- Elizabeth having baby teeth pulled to make room.
 - --- Vietnam and the Pueblo incident

Jan 3-14--Jack has HongKong flu 6-20--Fred 16--Jack's 42nd, quiet, at home 20--Fred starts accelerated program in 7th grade 24--Jack's captain's wetting down party; starts headaches tho seem to be milder than usual Feb 5----Fred's 13th; supper & movie with Steve, George Graveson 13----dependents' cruise on Picuda with Barb G. & three boys 14----Fred to first dance; band party 17----Fred taken into Junior Honor Society -----much social festivity with HMS Rhyl officers, even including me in Jack's frequent absences; boys on swim team and in Marine-led rifle club Mar----Steve starts guitar lessons at home with black Mr. Burton 20-22-to Miami and Everglades Park with kids and Pepsi 27-31-Pepsi quite ill and paralyzed; probably infected tick bite in Everglades 28----General/President Eisenhower died Apr 9----Pepsi slow in recovering 10----Steve's glasses changed 15-21-FAPs visit 21----Steve first place winner in grades 4-6 local poetry contest; how did we not keep a copy of his poem? 23-27-Bill & Ginny Abel visiting with 4 kids; stay in motel, but much time, activity and kids spending nites with us 24-25-Jack in Norfolk 29----Fred had large mole on back removed; problems with torn stitches; long in healing with no swimming -----Elizabeth has dropped ballet; too many kids in class to do much---she has on-going urology checkups and meds---Steve weighs 114 and Fred 100---Steve takes new personal responsibility about diet and is doing great on swim team May 1----Jack's vasectomy 13-21-CATs visit 20----Frances Sylvan died; Mother going to Columbia 30-1--Jack and I to Miami; young sailor and wife sitting Jun 2-13--Jack in Norfolk 3-12--keep Joseph and Thomas Jockel; Maureen in Europe 3-14--Elizabeth has bronchial congestion; prevents cystoscopy 10----our 15th; Jack in Norfolk 16-23-FAPs, Sue & children visit; FAPs, Kim, Bob leave 19th; we introduce Sue and Harry 18----Elizabeth broke two upper front permanent teeth at pool 19----Steve becomes 2nd Class Scout 21-28-Fred and Steve to Scout camp in Sebring 24----Elizabeth starts shingles; has to stay indoors Jack having headaches again; fairly mild so far Jul 4----Navy and civilian families celebrate at Hilton Haven 7----orders; we will go to Washington 8----Jack's headaches very bad 9-11--Elizabeth in hospital for cystoscopy; still has traces of

shingles; Jack in Norfolk

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Jul 10-30--Richard Coupe visits
    15-18--Elizabeth in hospital, post-op infection, blood clots
    16----Apollo 11 moon shot
    17-19--Jack in Charleston
    19----Jack brings home new Pontiac station wagon
    20----moon landing; Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin
    24----Division 122 wives farewell luncheon for Judy
    25----Elizabeth's tooth abcessed from fall last month; she's
           not doing well; lost 3-4# thru bronchitis, shingles,
           cystoscopy etc.
      ----Division party for us; gave us punch bowl and cups
    27----boys leave for Scout camp in Sebring till Aug 2
    28----Jack still having headaches; longest spell yet
    30----give our last party before leaving
Aug 1-----staff party for us
    5-8----stay with Gravesons in their big house after we move out
    7----Fred makes Star Scout
    8----John Draddy relieves Jack as ComSubDiv 122; we leave Key
           West for Sarasota
    10-----Fred sick; temp 104
    11----leave Sarasota for Bradenton
    13----leave Bradenton for Washington; have to get Elizabeth
           started on root canal
    14-27--stay with Kabearys in McLean; they're away on vacation
           most of the time; back in the area with Connollys,
           Coupes, Loren Kelley, Pfeiffers and other old pals
    20----ABTs leave for Hawaii
    21----Elizabeth starts root canal
    27----move into rental home, 1001 Westwood Dr. NE, Vienna
Sept 2----Jack to work with DIA, Rosslyn; kids to school in 3rd
           grade, Westbriar; 7th and 8th, Joyce Kilmer Intermediate
     5-10--FAPs visit
     18----take Robin to Hood College
     21----got Hannibal, gray and white kitten, from Coupes
Oct 5----Barbara Coupe committed suicide; Richard's been in Ral-
           eigh with Dottie and David; he and Dick come up, stay in
           motel; Joyce and Will stay with us and enter school
    25----Dick Coupe takes kids to settle in apartment in Norfolk
    26----Elizabeth turns 8; Katie Downs spends nite
    28----we keep kids out of school and have a lovely family day
           on the Blue Ridge Parkway
    31----Steve develops and I made his remarkable "Cousin It"
           costume in which he wins first prize at an Arlington
           party; Elizabeth, an Indian maiden locally; Fred skips
           all Halloween stuff and works on his coin collection
Nov 1-----Steve's 12th; Scout trip to the Capitol; Walter Howes to
           dinner, movie and overnight
    -----Fred's grades up, but not great from interim Ds in Eng-
           lish and history; Steve on high honor roll; Elizabeth
           ungraded through 3rd grade but doing well
    7-9----Sue and Kim visit
   14-19---Robin and Arnett from Hawaii; Rob 14-16, Arnett 15-19
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- Nov 22----Tom Williamson and Helen Shields married at Navy Chapel 26-30--Sue and kids here for Thanksgiving; Alix and boys here on 29th
- Dec 9----Judy's 41st, quietly at home
 - 25----Christmas alone for five Prisleys for first time since 1961; 10" snow 25-26
 - ----Steve's excellent Christmas garden production of Dickens' Christmas Carol
 - ens' Christmas Carol 27----Sue, Kim, Gray arrive
 - 31----Harry Rockefeller arrives; Happy New Year at Pfeiffers' in Arlington with Purintons, Thompsons, Cynthia Van Houten and all youngsters

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- Jan l --Sue & Harry with us; open house, including kids, especially to see Steve's Scrooge Christmas garden
 - 2 --Sue and kids leave; Harry leaves
 - 8 --temperatures -4 low to 12 high!
 - 14 --start as "companion" to Jeanette Wilson, couple of hours most days
- Feb 5 -- Fred's 14th; wanted no special attention or celebration; supper at youth group; family out for pizza, movie another day
 - 8-13 -- Jack on business trip West
 - 12 -- Sue and Harry engaged
 - 13-15--Fellows spend weekend ·
 - -----Fred on second honor roll; Steve on high honor roll; Elizabeth only one in class to get 3 "outstandings"
 - 23-26--Sue and Harry with us to buy house; Patti Kabeary sells them one in Lakevale
- Mar 7 --total eclipse of sun
 - 13-15--Coupes here for Richard's 16th
 - 15 --stopped "companioning" Jeanette Wilson
 - 21 -- Robin and I to Langhorne to see Jimmy
 - 23 -- Margaret Crouter died
 - 26-31--Sue and boys, Harry and parents visit for Easter; Rocke-fellers in motel
- Apr 18-25--Peter Kendall with us
 - 29 -- Fred starts riding lessons
 - -----Fred on low honor roll; Steve on high, makes first A in gym! Track
 - 30 -- FAPs, Sue and children arrive; FAPs stay across street with Leinsters
- May 2 -- Sue and Harry's wedding; Bethlehem Chapel, Nat'l Cathed.
 - 3-8 --Jack in London
 - --Harry's mother died of stroke while they honeymooned
 - --Steve's first boy-girl party
 - 10 -- Mothers Day picnic at Harpers Ferry
 - ?? -- Jack's headaches start
 - 15 --Steve in braces and headgear again
 - ?? --Steve starts once a week paper route; soon Fred does too
 - 27 --Elizabeth "flies up" from Brownies to Scouts
 - -----our first experience with 17 year locusts
 - 29-31--Memorial Day weekend in Norfolk with Fellows
- Jun 2-4 -- Robin & Sherri here en route California from Hood
 - 9-17 --FAPs visit
 - 12 -- anniversary dinner theater with Connollys
 - 15 -- Rockefellers move to Vienna
 - 18 -- Judy and children by train to Florida to stay with folks at Lake Wales cottage
 - 27 -- Jack's headaches over

--FAPs to Rockefellers and we all visit here and there Jul 1 --Judy and children home from Florida --big town Fourth celebration, and at Bromleys with international guests from Pakistan, Israel, Thailand, Vietnam --FAPs return to Florida 12-19--Arnett here from Hawaii; has Jimmy here 16-19 18-19--Jack, Judy, Fred to Kendalls' mountain camp -- CATs leave on western bus tour 22-25--Jack in California --Richard Coupe comes for visit 27-31--Bob Rockefeller with us; Sue and kids in Brookneal -----boys on swimming and diving teams; Elizabeth takes beginners, then advanced beginners swimming; record breaking consecutive days of heat/humidity/smog --Richard Coupe leaves Aug 2 --Steve makes First Class Scout --Hannibal to Humane Society; not sociable, still thinks he's a tom cat 8-13 -- at Rust Pond NH with Crouters 15-22--boys at Goshen Scout camp and came home expressing rare good relationship; Elizabeth with Rockefellers; Jack on --CATs home from western trip; Dad not doing too well 25 -----Fred's grown the last inch to my height; Steve lost 7# through summer --school opens; Fred 9th at Madison High; Steve 8th at Sep 8 Joyce Kilmer; Elizabeth 4th at Westbriar --Robin arrives from Hawaii and we take her to Hood 7-9 --boys change from Holy Comforter Scout troop to much bet-14 ter and closer one at Epiphany -- I get reading glasses 25 --Jack and I lead senior youth discussion group at HC 27 --Jack's headaches rather severe; he had one during 30 appointment with neurologist and they confirm "classic histamine" --Steve joins Junior Cotillion with Walter Howes Oct 2 -- I become "companion" about 6 hours per week to Mrs. Smith at Rockville nursing home 16-18--Robin here, and is frequent, welcome in the family 20-23--Jack to Norfolk 24-25--boys at huge Gettyburg camporee 25-29--Jack in Norfolk --Elizabeth's 9th; 2 friends for movie and dinner; family gifts early before Jack left --Robin's Danny critically hurt in car accident; she in-29

sists we go with weekend plans; friend Kay with her here

30-1 -- at Navy rec center, Solomon's Island MD for damp, gray,

chilly weekend with Fellows, Gravesons

- Nov 1 --celebrate Steve's 13th at Solomons with the gang
 - 5 --Danny Pell died, never having regained consciousness; he was important in our lives in learning to see beyond the clothes and long hair
 - 7 -- Robin flew to Iowa with his family for funeral; back to us the 10th; to Hood 11th; back and forth here often for next few weeks, often with Kay
 - 22 -- Jack elected to vestry
 - 26 -- Thanksgiving, just us five; Robin in and out & at Pells'
 - ?? -- Fred mediocre grades; Steve on high honor roll; Elizabeth "happy, excellent student, talks too much"
- Dec 1 -- Steve out of headgear, still in braces
 - --my 42nd; family day; Fred fixed steak, salad, french bread; Steve made angel cake, chocolate sauce; Elizabeth set a lovely table; they had also fixed breakfast
 - 13 --move Robin out of Hood; she'll go to GW after holidays in Hawaii
 - 17 -- CATs arrive for visit; matching love seats delivered
 - 19-23--Robin with us
 - 21 --celebrate Mother's 72nd
 - 22 -- FAPs arrive to stay at Rockefellers'
 - ?? --Steve now has 2-3 miles of daily afternoon paper route
 - 25 --Steve's Christmas garden of customs in other lands; we make a morning visit to Rockefellers; they come here in the evening; also Newkirks, parents of F's girlfriend
 - 27 -- Bob Rockefeller's baptism; Jack and I sponsors
 - 29 -- Mother, Fred, I to Langhorne to see Jimmy
 - 31 --Happy New Year! Snowed in, just CATs and JPPs; HCRs and FAPs couldn't make it; kids stayed up to celebrate; Dad very "puny" and quiet and seems miserable
 - ?? Jack recently is in a new section of DIA, with Gen.
 Danny Graham; Soviet Navy section of Directorate of
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Jan 1 --snowed in --CATs leave 7-12 -- FAPs visit; Jack on leave; we both feeling bad, he with headaches, I with stomach -- Jack starts term on vestry at Holy Comforter 14 --Jack's 44th; quiet at home 16 -- Jack's buddy, Ed Nielsen, died 17 17-21--Steve sick with tonsilitis, strep throat 22-24--Jim Thomas visits during convention trip --Robin arrives Space A from Hawaii --Dad Taylor in hospital till Feb 6 for double cataracts -----Fred on basketball team Feb 1-4 --Fred sick with tonsilitis --Fred's 15th; all to Mexican restaurant, boys to James Bond double feature --Robin and Laura Baumberger 5-7 --Dad Taylor has heart failure 15-23--Elizabeth sick 16-22--Judy to Florida; Arnett there too from Hawaii 23-25--Arnett in DC on business and staying with us -- CAT 50th wedding anniversary with Dad in hospital; we gave them our gift of their miniatures while there Mar 5-7 --Robin here --Dad from hospital to Grovemont Nursing Home --Judy starts extension "Breakthrough" class 13-27-- Jack in Brussels, NATO conference 17-19--Fred has tonsilitis 21-24--Bob with us; HCRs in Brookneal; Kim & Gray at their home --Jimmy's surgery; brain cysts --Dad T. home from Grovemont 31 --have NY band guests overnight --Steve gets new glasses -----Fred on restrictions for D in geometry, C in science tho he's off the top of the scale in national testing in those subjects; "doesn't like the teachers"; has grown taller than Jack --Scout Court of Honor; F makes Life, transfers to Sea Ex-Apr 6 plorers; Steve makes Star 7-12 --Robin has wisdom teeth extracted at Walter Reed, stays with us; infection follows; back with us 16-18 8-10 -- Elizabeth on first Girl Scout camp 15-18--Fred sick with strep throat, third of this year 16-18--Robin and Lisa --Jack and Judy join the Bible study group 22 --Elizabeth & Judy both have strep throat and strep skin 29 infections; Pepsi strep skin infection; about 12 days ?????--peace demonstrations and riots in DC --Steve becomes patrol leader -- Jack bought two tents and camp stove May 1 --bought Volkswagen bus; Pontiac too expensive to run 6 --Mothers Day picnic at Manassas with Robin & Nancy

--Elizabeth starts guitar lessons with Martha MacCauley

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- May 16 -- Judy to work at home for Frank Watson on Tupart, National Media Analysis
 - 21 -- Judy to Florida; Dad T. must return to nursing home
 - 29-31--Steve on Scout canoe trip in flooded conditions; Jack has Robin plus Mary and Libby Crouter here for Jane Findley's wedding
- Jun 1 --Robin moves into apartment with Laura Baumberger; we'd kept guest room for her; move E. there; S. into E's large corner room; F. alone downstairs; will double up as needed for guests
 - 2 --Judy returns from Florida
 - 3 --Bob Henderson confirmed
 - 6-8 -- Jack in Norfolk, Charleston
 - 10 --our 17th; Jack goes to vestry meeting
 - 11-13--tent camping for first time; Charlottesville
 - 17 --school out; all kids ended with good grades; F's party complete with police and would-be "crashers"
 - 19-23--Steve on 60 mile C&O canal hike
 - 21-4 --Gloria Dei camp; all kids involved; F as counsellor, S after his hike as assistant, E as camper
 - 25-27--camping at The Cove. Gore VA
- Jul 3-5 -- Phil Taylor visits from OCS; Fourth celebration at church ending Gloria Dei camp; picnic at Connollys
 - 6 --stop "companioning" Mrs. Smith
 - 9-14 --have AFS guests, Jorge ? of Brazil and Juan Rosas, Chile
 - 10-25--Steve at Goshen; Jr. Leader Training, then troop camp
 - 16-18--Fred on first Sea Scout cruise
 - 19 --E. skips intermediate swimming and is put in advanced, one of only two 9-year-olds
 - 24-26--Fred sick
 - 27 -- FAPs arrive, staying at HCRs till 10th
- Aug 6-8 -- Steve at Assateague with Scouts; rest of us in Norfolk with Fellows, Gravesons
 - 10-19--FAPs visit
 - 14 -- Fred flies to Bradenton; visits Gran, Beaudrys
 - 20 --rest of us drive to FL on leave, mostly in Bradenton, few days in Sarasota
 - 29 --ABTs arrive Bradenton on transfer and leave from Hawaii
- Sep 1 --we leave Florida; arriving home 2nd are notified owner is putting our house on the market
 - 7 --kids to school; Fred & Steve in 10th, 9th at James Madison; Elizabeth 5th at Westbriar
 - 10 -- Kabearys move to Detroit, stay with us some during move
 - 12-14--ABTs here en route new duty in Annapolis; Kenny stays in Hawaii, senior in private school
 - 13 -- Steve elected Sr. Patrol Leader over three Eagles; Judy first v.p. ECW
 - 15 --Elizabeth's last guitar lesson, Martha going away
 - ?? -- Jack off headache meds after shortest, easiest spell yet
 - 19 -- Episcopal Church Men start
 - ?? --Elizabeth joins junior choir; starts flute at school
 - 25 -- Dad Taylor home from Grovemont; remarkable change

Sep -----job with Tupart folds, no funding --Fred starts testing for ulcer; none Oct 7 --complete very complicated arrangements to buy house; 11 lots of work to be done, paid \$48,900 --Fred gets learners permit 18 --Elizabeth's 10th; nothing special; "just being 10!" 28-29--Steve sick --youth group party at church; boys involved 30 --kids growing up; mostly just "hung out" with friends; 31 Steve & buddy gotten up gruesomely --Steve's 14th; pizza and root beer float at home; sent Nov 1 bakery cake to youth group --Fred sick; testing for strep, staph etc. 3 --record breaking time in one house! 26 months plus 1 day; 5 at N. Monroe St. exactly 26 months --Fred has mono; must be absolutely in bed two weeks; one 8 tired, limp guy! Doesn't feel like watching TV, playing cards, having visitors 16-22--Richard Coupe visits; PFC in Armor on his way to Germany --Elizabeth quitting flute ?? --big snow storm day before Thanksgiving; just us 24 --Steve makes Life Scout 29 --Fred goes to one class at school some days Dec 1 --surprise 50th for Arnett in Annapolis; some surprises for me too --my 43rd; Pat Pfeiffer took me to lunch 8th, Sue took 9 Joanne and me on 9th, Virginia Watson took me on 10th; at home on 9th Jack bought pizza, Steve made super salad Fred produced chianti -- Jack's headaches; meds upset stomach, make him so edgy ?? --Fred goes to school two classes a day 13 --bought Maverick; Jack's hours too erratic for carpool 16 --FAPs arrive Vienna, staying with HCRs 20 --FAPs, HCRs here for Christmas Eve dinner; wistful about 24 Mother and Dad but glad he's home; Lehr there --no Christmas garden! Church in a.m. instead of midnight 25 Mass; by ourselves for lovely day till HCRs after dinner --spend day in Annapolis with all ABTs; Jimmy from school, 26 Kenny from Hawaii and of course Robin from DC --Judy to work for Frank Watson on contract report on 27 underground press for House Internal Security Committee -- FAPs move here from HCRs; New Year's Eve here with them, 31 Pat, King, Bob, Cricket Pfeiffer, her mother; Joanne and Marcie Connolly; Steve and friend, Alan Grider; Elizabeth Fred washing dishes till past midnight at Holiday Inn

--FAPs with us; Hylands' open house Jan 1 --"Jesus Christ Superstar" with EYC --FAPs leave; new meds for Jack's headaches; spell should 10 be over soon; he's on leave through 14th --Steve chosen for Order of the Arrow 17 -- Jack's headaches bad; over seven weeks now 21-22--Jack and Frank to Diocesan Council 23-26--Steve sick; missed play tryouts and term tests --we attend first of many charismatic services, G'town U. 27 --Daddy died peacefully at home, mid-afternoon; congestive Feb 4 heart failure --Jim Thomas visits during business trip 4-6 -- Judy, Arnett, Mibby fly to Florida; miss F's 16th b'day -- Jack flies in; Dad's funeral; Jack & Mibby return on 9th 7 Arnett returns on 10th; Judy and Mother to Vienna 11th --Fred still tired, swollen glands from mono 14 --Mother to Annapolis; we'd all had dinner out for late 17 recognition of Fred's 16th --Elizabeth has four baby teeth out; gets glasses 22 ----snow on 2, 17, 19, 23 Mar 2-10 -- Mom with us --doctor says Fred's glands finally back to normal -- Jack on leave; left DIA 22nd; bad cold 22 Apr 6 -- Jack reports to CO, STIC, later NISC --Steve's Order of the Arrow ordeal; ice storm ???? --Jack quit smoking for Lent again and hasn't re-started --Bible study groups divided due to size; painful 14-16--St. Mary's 25th reunion; Cyn & Ritch Palmer join us for trip and weekend 17 --Fred goes to work at Burger Chef for \$1.45 per hour --Robin and Judy to Annapolis; Arnett gets Legion of Merit 19 --Jimmy died in the morning; Robin & I to Annapolis, join 20 ABTs, to Langhorne for memorial service and back to Annapolis and Vienna. 22nd Batts have arrived and we all go to Annapolis for service in Navy Chapel; later burial in Academy cemetery --Elizabeth starts community recreation gymnastics May 2 13-14--we all visit Stones in Aberdeen MD, Mothers Day --Elizabeth adorable and capable junior bridesmaid and Robin maid of honor in Laura Baumberger's wedding, Christ Church, Alexandria 27-29--Gravesons here for weekend; Steve canceing 30-3 --four Up With People boys staying with us Jun 3 --Bob Crouter marries Alyce --our 18th; dinner out, home to see Fred off to first prom 10 with Nancy Stone; dinner then prom at Tysons mall --Loren Kelley and Susan married in Tampa Jun 19-28--Fred takes classroom drivers ed, missed due to mono --Fred repeats algebra in summer school; angry with us! 26 --Mother arrives,\staying in Annapolis Jul 2-16 -- Steve to Goshen; \pioneering then troop camp 7-31 --Mother with us

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--Fred gets drivers license 31 --EHTs here, Mother to Annapolis --Jim Fellows arrives; Fred cuts head on diving board, 5 Aug 1 stitches; FAPs arrive -- Fred finishes summer school algebra geometry 3-20 --Fred and Jim to Sea Camp; Big Pine Key --Bob Pfeiffer visits --Mother back to Florida from Annapolis 13 --FAPs leave us to go to Rockefellers 16 21 --Jim Fellows back to New London --we leave on vacation; camping at Berkeley Springs WV 24 till 28th, then cabin at Black Water Falls --home from Black Water Falls Sep 4 --school; Fred and Steve in 11th & 10th at James Madison; Elizabeth in 6th at Westbriar; she quits Scouts, bored 15-17--Libby Crouter visits 29-31--Faith Alive weekend at Holy Comforter; Steve camping --Fred received baptism in Holy Spirit with tongues 9-13 -- Jack in San Diego --snow! before leaves even turned --Fred's minor accident with VW bus in parking lot 23 26 --Elizabeth 11; family dinner, Sue, Harry, Bob, Aunt Esther for dessert; later Katie Downs and Pam Sutton for overnight and EYC Halloween party; E. a "rich lady" --Steve's 15th; Bill Stone's surprise visit, first time Nov 1 in five years! Later, Steve's request for all Murphys for dinner and bowling --Nixon reelected president over McGovern --Mom Prisley's hip replacement surgery 12-18--Jack to San Francisco; Mike Murphy staying with us --Thanksgiving; Joanne, children, Bill Stone with us 25-26--Stones here for weekend; reconciliation with Bill 28 --Elizabeth has four more baby teeth pulled ?? --E's best grades yet; S fine; F OK --bifocals for me 29 -- Jack to California Dec 4-7 --Steve out of braces, into retainer 15 --Mother and FAPs arrive; Mother has been in Hawaii with 19 Martha Gillette (Paul ill) since Dec 4; she goes to Annapolis, Prisleys stay with us --ABTs and Mother join FAPs and us for Mother's 74th 21 --Rockefellers join FAPs and us for Christmas dinner * Dec 25 --FAPs to Rockefellers; we bring Mother here from Annap-28 olis; Mibby & Arnett to Spain till Jan 7 --Judy ailing with flu bug for many days 29 --Happy New Year! Christian celebration here with Frank 31 and Virginia Watson and John; Sally Sutton with Pam and Stephanie; Glenn and kDonna Murphy with Mike and Kathleen; Bob and Sue Phillips with Sally, Steve and Sue's parents; Marge and Dick Harding with three sons, Mother

Only December in Weather Bureau history for DC area with no snow! * 5 teve's "Night Before Christmas" garden

--Mother still visiting; Judy sick 4-7 --Phil Taylor visiting --Paul Gillette died in Tripler Hospital, Honolulu 6 13 --Mother to Annapolis --Sue, Harry, Mom P. to Jack's 46th b'day dinner; Dad P. 16 --Sally Sutton moves to Hickory NC 19 --Elizabeth starts confirmation class --FAPs return to Florida; former Pres. Lyndon Johnson died 26-28--Jack to Diocesan Council in Richmond --Mother comes here from Annapolis --last of Fred's prayer meetings with Hardings 29 --Jack and I to St. Thomas VI to visit Cyn & Ritch Palmer; Feb 1-8 Mother stays with kids, has bad cold; Fred's 17th b'day F's best grades since 5th grade; S&E very good; Steve broke retainer --Mother returns to Florida 14-16--Jack to Los Angeles 16-19--keep Seth Connolly 23-25--Jack, Elizabeth & I to Black Water Falls with Steve and Scouts - 18" snow; Fred to Richmond for Faith Alive with Watsons 26-1 -- Jack in Puerto Rico --Steve joins Order of the Arrow ceremonies team --Faith Alive in Chambersburg with F&S; F leads Steve to Mar 2-4 new commitment! Elizabeth stays with Murphys --Elizabeth makes her own special commitment to Christ at 28 Church of Northern Virginia 30-1 --Steve on Faith Alive in Front Royal; gift of tongues --Brother Isaac stays with us a week on Lenten mission 31 --Elizabeth confirmed; tornado in Northern Virginia Apr 1 --Libby Crouter visiting; Brother Isaac leaves on 8th 6-8 -- Fred to work at Michie Sunoco 13-15--Fred on Faith Alive in Virginia Beach 20-22--Libby Crouter visiting for Easter weekend -----more than a year since Jack's histamine headaches! --Mother fell at her home and broke right wrist 28

May 4-6 --cold, raw weekend at Solomon's Island with ABTs. Jack,
Arnett, Robin, Linda sail down; Mibby, F,S,E and I drive

--Robin skips graduation at GW --Fred laid off at Michie's due to gas crisis; back to

Burger Chef

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11-14--Gravesons visit from England; Bob, Alyce. Libby, Jane Crouter join for a dinner

14-16--Sally Sutton from NC to join Jack, me for retreat at Shrinemont; Loren & Susie stay with kids

16-19--Jack to California

Jun 4 --Fred to work at Holiday Inn, dishwasher, later busboy
8 --Elizabeth has permanent teeth pulled prior to braces;
total of 8 in two appointments

10 -- our 19th - quiet - cookout at HCRs

11-12--Peter Marshall Jr mission at Truro

Jun 13 --Elizabeth gets braces --E's grades all up; teacher says "smartest and laziest" ?? --Steve leaves on Appalachian Trail hike; I bring him home 17 for Eagle board of review; Fred takes him back; home 22nd ----Elizabeth is scheduled for tennis, tumbling and sewing lessons through summer 29-30--Fellows visit --picnic and fireworks at Wolftrap with Watsons, Rileys; Jul 4 older kids so bored with family outing! --Steve has learner's permit --buy AMC station wagon; Mother and Elizabeth Prine stay overnight to join Canada tour --Fred buys AMC Gremlin; Fellows here overnight 9-12 -- AFS boys Urs Heim, Switzerland, Nacor Martinez, Venezuela, stay with us --Elizabeth gets dog bit at AFS picnic; heavy bandage; 10 keep dry etc for week; no infection --Mother arrives; must have surgery to repair nerve damage 22 in right wrist fracture; first therapy; stays a month --Steve leaves for Goshen Scout camp 29 Aug 2-22 -- Fred at SeaCamp & with Bill Stone, USF, Tampa --Steve home --Mother at Arlington hospital for surgery by Dr. Cowen; 6-8 home with us for therapy appointments --FAPs arrive; stay with HCRs --acquire Portia, calico kitten, from ABTs 13 --Fred home from Florida 22 24-25--Phil Taylor visits --Mother to Annapolis 25 --Fred has left Holiday Inn; probably before SeaCamp ?? --leave for week at Bluestone WV; hot! Our last all-family 27 vacation; kids so very good, pleasant, cooperative --Labor Day; return from Bluestone; F&S in Gremlin run Sep 3 into large truck on curve; no one hurt; much damage to Gremlin and have to leave it for repair; Fred charged --back to school; Fred, senior, Steve, junior at Madison; Elizabeth 7th grade at Kilmer; Judy goes to work for Lester Kinsolving, Idaho-Wyoming Press Bureau, and spend day at White House and Capitol Hill 21-24--Jack to Sarasota for FAP 50th anniversary party --Fred to work as stock boy at fabric store, Tysons 25-28--Mother here before returning to Florida 28-30--F&S on EYC retreat, Shrinemont; Steve also makes lifechanging friendship with Lutheran youth, Zion and group --Fred becomes prose editor of Madison's "Heritage"; Judy Oct teaches 8th grade Sunday School and leads ECW guild programs; Steve involved in starting Madison Bible study --Steve makes Eagle Scout -- Jack starts part-time work with Intelligence Community Staff at CIA, Langley, pending Navy retirement --Steve gets night retainer for at least a couple of years 6-7 --Libby Crouter visits

- Oct 12-14--Elizabeth on Student Council Association work retreat
 - 15 -- Jack & Fred to Lexington VA to wrap up in court and get Gremlin from shop
 - 18 --Fred chipped tooth with cleaning equipment at work; needs repair and cap; escapes further damage, root canal
 - 24 --Mary Ann Bryant comes to work for me; what a blessing!
 - 27 -- F&S involved with EYC Halloween party
 - 31 --Jack retires from Navy; no fanfare; gets Legion of Merit --Fred "helping out" 2-4 hours a day at hi fi store where Greg works; paid in merchandise; dislikes fabric store
- Nov 1 -- Jack goes officially, full time at ICS
 - 2 --FAPs move from house into mobile home park, Sarasota
 - 3 --Sam Whiteside has surgery for lung cancer; close support group starts with Watsons, us, for him and Rachel
 - 9-11 -- Judy to conference on evangelism in Fredericksburg
 - 9-10 -- Jack to CIA country house on working weekend
 - 16-18--Fred makes first big trip alone, to Easton PA, to visit Kenny at Lafayette College
 - ?? --Fred's best grades in years; named to Quill & Scroll high school honorary
 - 22 -- Thanksgiving; invited several, all had other plans; good quiet family day; dessert with HCRs
 - 23 -- Steve gets drivers license
- Dec -----Fred in real slump; jobless; questionable friendships
 - 11 --Steve has 4 impacted molars extracted
 - 16 -- snow! School closed 17-21 for total of 8-10"
 - 18 -- FAPs arrive to stay with HCRs
 - 19 -- Mother arrives to stay with us
 - 21 -- Arnett, Mibby, Robin join us for gala for Mother's 75th
 - 24-25--all JPPs, Mother to Annapolis for chapel, open house, festival time with ABTs; Kenny arrives too
 - 28 -- Judy in and out of bed for days with bug
 - 29 -- Fred to Black Water Falls with ABTs till Jan 2
 - --Happy New Year! Judy well enough for celebration, then back to bed. Mother, Tom & Marj Riley; Virginia Watson & John; Bill & Suzie, William & Jamie Slaughter; Sam & Rachel, Forrest, Julia & Phyllis Whiteside; Larry & Sue, Kevin, Bonnie, Laurie King; Dorsey & Grace Worley; Stillman & Sally Carter; Lloyd & Luella Robbins

WHAT A YEAR! End of Vietnam war and return of some POWs; unusually mild winter and hot summer; high pollution; beef shortage and rise in all meat prices, then rise in all prices; shortage of paper, raisins, wheat, especially gasoline; Watergate scandal; Yom Kippur War when Egypt attacked Israel; Vice President Agnew's resignation; Nixon's nomination of Gerald Ford to replace him; threatened impeachment of Nixon; Comet Kahoutek; final Skylab mission; cooler houses and less Christmas lights

1974

- Jan 1-3 -- Judy sick
 - 2 --ABTs bring Fred home from Black Water Falls, take Mother to Annapolis
 - 5-10--FAPs come to us from Rockefellers
 - 10 --Gravesons visit overnight from England
 - 18 -- Joanne and Bob Connolly divorced
 - 23 -- Sam Whiteside died; Rachel lives with Watsons
- Feb 1 --Loren flew Steve and Jeff Miller to Tech; plane trouble on return; S&J came home next day on 8-hr bus, S. with sore throat and temp of 102
 - -- Tommy Riley born
 - 4 -- Elizabeth got headgear
 - 5 -- Fred's 18th; working and didn't want celebration
 - --host our last Bible study, resigning after three years
 - 11-15-Elizabeth sick
 - 22-24-Jack, Steve and I to Faith Alive, St. James, Mt. Vernon; very bad situation at home with Fred having a sleep-in party and leaving Greg to get Elizabeth to school for field trip to Williamsburg; when I called Williamsburg to confirm she was OK, they couldn't at first find her! Never told our parents of the event.
 - ----gas shortage, truckers' strike; regular 57c gallon ----Lester closes Idaho-Wyoming Press Bureau to be columnist/

speaker; no more Capitol Hill

- -----Fred working as janitor at office building near Dulles (when did he start?) and part time at Custom HiFi
- ----odd-even license numbers dictate which days you can buy gas; long lines and short "open" hours; regular 64c at most available independent station

Mar

- Apr 3 -Fred's janitor job ended; office closed
 - 7-11 -Steve to N.H. for Spring break; Fred camping
 - 13 -Circus America with Phillips
 - 14 -take Robin with us for sailing in Annapolis
 - 18 -Jack, Steve. Elizabeth to Ringling Circus
 - 19-21-kids at Shrinemont on retreats; Jack and I to Faith Alive conference in Dayton; Jack stays on for 2 days work at Wright Patterson
 - 26-28-Fred to Lafayette College to see Ken
 - 28 -we start the Tape 'n' Talk program at church
 - 29 -Mother moved to mobile home in Bradenton
 - -record-breaking heat of 91 degrees
- May 6 -Fred to work for Samson's Sporting Goods; \$2.50 an hour
 - 10 -Steve to work at Vienna meat market
 - 12 -Loren and Susie with us for Mothers Day and dinner out
 - 15-16-Cynthia and Ritch Palmer here en route to UVa graduation

Jun 7-9 -Steve to Faith Alive in The Plains

9 -Fred's graduation; he leaves for Ocean City till 13th

10 -our 20th; quiet at home

11-16-Richard Coupe here; out of the Army

15 -Rockefellers move to Norfolk

16 -Tommy Riley's baptism and party; Fathers Day

19 -Judy starts treatment for hyperthyroid; Lester grants three week vacation with full salary!

20 -Elizabeth gets glasses

- 22 -all but Steve leave for Florida in 2 cars; Steve's working for a locker/shelving company
- 23 -Fred moves into trailer with Bill Stone
- Jul 1 -Arnett retires from Navy; they move from quarters to their home on Heaman's Way, Annapolis

---Fred working for Pate Stevedoring at Tampa docks

- 5-6 -Jack, Judy, Elizabeth en route home from Tampa, leaving Fred for summer with Bill Stone, then USF
- 8-20 -Elizabeth to St. George's camp at Shrinemont
- 13-14-Jack and Judy to Pennsylvania
- 20 -Judy's second frenectomy
- Aug 7 -Derek Adami, our AFS student from South Africa, arrives -Pres. Nixon announces his resignation in aftermath of

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10 -Ford inaugurated; we all go to see "Godspell"

- 16-18-all to Norfolk for Kim's marriage to Ron Wagner; leave Steve and Derek camping with Scouts at Assateague for overnight en route home
- 19 -Scott Watson into hospital
- 23-30-Steve to Reinhardt's cabin in mountains; Derek there 23-27
- 26-28-EHTs visit
- Sep 2 -Labor Day; group moves Rachel Whiteside to Columbia MD
 - -Lester Kinsolving and I start publishing NoVa Religion News in Globe newspaper
 - 6-7 -Jack, Steve, Elizabeth, Judy to Faith Alive Conference in Paoli PA
 - ----Steve goes into newly organized Explorer Post; elected president
 - 9 -Ford pardons Nixon for Watergate
 - 15 -Mother arrives from ABTs for visit till Oct 1
 - 17 -Fred moves into Fontana Hall, USF
 - 21-23-Jack to Norfolk to visit FAPs at Rockefellers
 - 24-28-George and Fran Buell visit
 - 29 -Derek works at Kinneys Shoes few hours a week, few weeks
- Oct 1 -Mother returns to Florida
 - 4-6 -Jack with Tom Riley to St. Albans WV for pre-Faith Alive
 - 26 -Elizabeth's 13th; Heather ? spends night; EYC Halloween
 - 30 -trade AMC Ambassador wagon for Matador wagon

- Nov 1-3 -Steve's 17th; we four to Faith Alive in St. Alban's WV 7 -Judy stops work for Les; refuses to do snide charismatic feature!
 - 7-10 -Steve and Kevin Means camping in mountains
 - 8-10 -King Pfeiffer on long TDY from Germany spends weekend
 - 22 -Judy begins periodontal surgery
 - 22-24-Judy baby sits Tommy Riley for Tom and Marj's "get away"
 - 26 -Phil Taylor here
 - 28 -Richard Coupe here for Thanksgiving and until Dec 2; big Thanksgiving at Rileys'; Friday-Sunday all sick except Steve and Laura
- Dec 7 -Quiet Day at Catonsville convent; Steve spelunking;
 Richard back here to pick up his car after breakdown and
 repair
 - 9 -my 46th; Fellowship House with Marj to hear Edith Shaeffer
 - 13 -Fred home from college
 - 28 -Richard, Joyce, Will Coupe arrive; Joyce and Will leave 29th; Richard stays on
 - 29 -Stones visit
 - 31 -Fred to party at Greg's "pad"; Steve to party at Lutheran Church all night; Derek to party and cut wrist, getting six stitches; Richard and Elizabeth at our party with Rileys, Watsons, Kings, Slaughters, Adams, Hills, Carters, Worleys, Joan Potter

<u> 1975</u>

Jan l -- Fred, Richard, Mike Faughnan leave for NC & FL -- start Edge of Adventure series; so very good! 6 -- snow -- Judy starts Renewing Love class through March; again, so very good! 10 -- Judy has D&C -- record breaking 75 degree high temp! 11 -- Jack's 48th; quietly at home 16 -- 4" snow 20 23-25-- Jack in California -- temp of 76 29 -- 4" snow Feb 4 -- Fred is 19 -- Derek in Chesapeake with AFS 22 -- Fred arrested in West Palm, marijuana possession Mar 6-9 -- Derek in Williamsburg -- Serendipity workshp; hundreds attend; great! 8-16 -- Joyce Coupe visiting; Richard & Will in and out; Richard's 2016 birthday; Loren & Susan join for it -- Holy Comforter's first Easter dinner for 40; Watsons, 30 Rileys, Kings, Prisleys initiate it Apr 11-13-- Jack & I to Skyland for "getaway"; S&E to Shrinemont 19-23-- Tim Sampson with us "recuperating" for exams at Semi--- Fred's hearing; much prayer; FL is being very hard on drug offenses 25-28-- Derek in Chesapeake -- Fr. Kendall leaves Holy Comforter 27 May 7-11 -- Derek to Concord, Mass. -- Mother's Day; church at St. Paul's; visit Loren & Susan 16-18-- Derek & Steve in W. Va. -- Judy named to search committee for new rector -- Steve & Derek to the prom; Steve takes Lorna Kattman 30-31-- Judy & Marj on Vonette Bright retreat; excellent Lloyd Robbins died 30th ----- Note that gas is "up" to 60c a gallon -- Fred's sentence, put on three years probation; it could have been so much worse; in retrospect see what a good thing it was -- Steve's graduation at Wolf Trap; Derek too -- Steve to work for CIA; file clerk, counterintelligence -- our 21st; busy with kids! 10 11-17-- Derek to Texas 13-17-- Richard here -- Derek leaves Jul 3-6 -- Jack, Steve, Elizabeth & I on Fishnet 10-27-- Mother here -- Elizabeth goes to St. George's camp, Shrinemont -- Jack & I leave for FL 24 27 -- Mother to Annapolis -- Jack & I home after visiting Fred, Prisley parents

- Aug 2 -- Elizabeth home from camp
 - 9-17 -- Jack, Judy, Elizabeth to Fenwick Island with Rileys
 - 17 -- Mibby brings Mother to F.I., we take her home with us
 - 20 -- Fred arrives from FL
 - 21 -- Mother leaves
 - 22 -- we five to Norfolk for Richard & Harriet's wedding 24th
 - 24 -- after wedding and festivities, Will, via motorcycle, comes home to live with us
- Sep 2 -- E. starts high school, in advanced world studies, independent study in French II and one of only 2 freshmen in geometry
 - 5-7 -- Fred & Alex to Michigan
 - 9 -- Fred to work for Sheets Building Supply
 - 12 -- Steve ends work with CIA
 - 13 -- Jack to Norfolk to visit HCRs & Prisley parents; Will goes along to visit Richard
 - 15 -- Will to work for Holiday Inn
 - 23 -- Steve starts freshman year at Tech; rooms in Pritchard with Jeff Wick
 - ----- Judy's doing some work for Frank Watson
- Oct 5 -- Marriage Encounter Weekend
 - 17-19-- Fred & Will to NC to Will's uncle to sell Will's motor-cycle; Steve comes home from Tech
 - 24 -- Elizabeth has ears pierced for 14th birthday
 - 24-26-- Katie Downs spends weekend here for E's birthday; Judy in Massachusetts on search committee trip
 - 29 -- Fred has three wisdom teeth pulled; Bill Stone and friend here
- 31 -- CIA ends full time employment for Jack; goes to 3/4
- Nov 1-2 -- Judy & Elizabeth to Tech for Steve's 18th birthday
 - ----- Jack interim treasurer for Holy Comforter
 - 27 -- Thanksgiving with 5 Prisleys, Richard, Harriet & Will Coupe; 5 Rileys, Loren & Susan Kelley
 - 30 -- search committee party to celebrate end of search and calling John Miller
- Dec 9 -- Judy's 47th; Judy & Jack to Blacksburg to get Steve, have dinner in Charlottesville, and home for holidays
 - 20-21-- Steve & Will to NC; bring Joyce back for Christmas
 - 21 -- Jack, Elizabeth & me to Annapolis for Mother's birthday with ABTs
 - 22 -- Fred quits work with Sheets
 - 24 -- Will quits work with Holiday Inn; Christmas Eve service with 5 Prisleys, Will & Joyce, Loren & Susan, his brother and father (or another brother?)
 - 27 -- Fred & Joyce leave for NC & FL
 - 29 -- Mother comes here from Annapolis
 - 31 -- Happy New Year here: Watsons with John, Kings with her parents and Kevin, Bonnie and Laurie; Rileys with Jennifer and Tommy; Adams with Vicki, Toni, Jennifer, Joy; Halls with Allison; Calrks with Rory; Martha Darr; Jack, Mother and me, Will, Elizabeth and later Steve

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	Jan	5 6 7 8 15 16	Steve returns to Tech Epiphany; Fr. John Miller at Holy Comforter Elizabeth's braces off Fred moves to 1513 128th Ave., Tampa, duplex with "Doc" Mother leaves us for Annapolis George & Audie Hall to dinner for Jack's 49th birthday; Will and Allison meet; how ironic that George had been Barbara's counsellor up to her death and one of the last people she called
		18 19-21 23 26	Jack leaves CIA (IC staff) Jack and I "vacation" at Christian Center, Syria VA start Shaklee supplements Jack starts work for Undersea Research Corp. first class postage at 13c
I	Feb	9 1 <i>4</i>	last of Elizabeth's braces off; gets retainer Will to work for CIA; security escort Sally Sutton married to Daniel Ligon Faith Alive in Hagerstown; Elizabeth goes with us; we make lasting friendship with Gil Siler, John Kirby
*postcard to FICTS, 3/2Z, Macleon Steed:	5	4 9 15 18-24	Mother goes to Bradenton hospital, pneumonia; quite ill we buy freezer 8" of snow! Had hardly any all winter. bought Riley's old Plymouth for Jack's car Elizabeth in Vermont on AFS trip Elaine DeFrietas home from Vermont with Elizabeth on AFS exchange
PJs for first	•	19-21 24 26 27	Richard and Harriet with us for his 22nd birthday Steve back to Tech after Spring break; buying Hornet from us for his first car we buy Datsun station wagon first metro opens in D.C 4-1/2 miles
F	Apr	1-4 7 18 19	
.	May	13-16 14 31	Judy makes Cursillo Will has all four wisdom teeth out Memorial Day; sailing with Williamsons in Annapolis
	Jun	2 8 10	"dinner party" for Will's birthday; Halls plus two of his friends from work, wife & baby of one, date of other Steve to work at CIA our 22nd; we go to Norfolk, stay with HCRs for Harry's ghange of command on 11th

- Elizabeth leaves for all summer in the kids' work program 14 at Christian Center
- 18-20 Jack, Steve, I to Faith Alive at Mt. Savage MD; Steve is youth coordinator
- Jack & I visit Liz; take Jennifer Riley, Vicki Adams 28
- USA bicentennial; old English service at church, then Jul 4 picnic; later on Rileys' boat on Potomac for fireworks; Steve and Jennifer with us, also Lu Penner from Christian Center
 - 14-18 Jack & I with about 40 kids at Fishnet, Front Royal, using Worleys' motor home; Halls and Adams helping; Liz up with group from CC; Steve there too
 - Nathan Berry sent to us from Christian Center 23
 - beginning of team meetings for Jack and me on co-ed #3 24 Cursillo
- Mother on tour to Great Britain Aug 2
 - Elizabeth home from Christian Center 20
 - Mother back to Bradenton from British Isles 21?
 - Jack to Bethesda emergency room; paroxysmal atrial 25 tachycardia
 - Nathan leaves; moves gear out later 27
 - Elizabeth starts sophomore year; FAPs arrive for visit 30
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 having lovely 23
 time in

 England
 Oct 8-Steve starts sophomore year at Tech
 - Prisleys leave 14
 - 16-19 co-ed Cursillo; Jack and I on team; Watsons candidates
 - 17-23 Fred flies home from Tampa for visit; he and I have a precious day on the Skyline
 - 23-25 Here's Life training sessions; not totally our bag
 - 29-1 Jack in San Francisco
 - I'm doing weekly Comfortable Word for the church
 - Oct 8-10 Faith Alive in Arlington with Steve and Liz; Steve, youth coordinator
 - 12-15 Jack in New London
 - Elizabeth into night retainer
 - 22-24 Elizabeth on Faith Alive in PA
 - Jack named to board of Christian Center
 - Elizabeth's 15th; Greg Dodd and Mary Delisio to dinner
 - 28-30 Steve home for his 19th birthday weekend
 - Jimmy Carter elected president Nov 2
 - Jack, Elizabeth & I to Tech to see Steve 5 - 7
 - Donna Newell moves in (met at Cursillo)
 - 19-21 Elizabeth to Long Island on Faith Alive
 - 24-28 Richard Coupe here; he and Harriet separated
 - Thanksgiving with Rileys; Will & Richard out together

<u>1976</u> (cont)

- Dec 12-17 Jack in Slidell, Mississippi
 - 18-20 Steve, Will, Richard on Appalachian Trail
 - 20-28 Donna Newell in Wisconsin
 - 21 Elizabeth has strep throat
 - 23 Fred arrives from Florida
 - 5 Prisleys spend afternoon in Annapolis with Arnett, Mibby, Robin
 - 27-29 Steve to CT to see Laurie Gillaugh; Elizabeth to reunion at Christian Center
 - 30 Joyce Coupe arrives
 - NY Eve at Rileys (we "resigned" from doing it at our house) with Steve and Liz joining there after Bible study party; Fred, Richard, Will, Alison, Joyce at our house

- Jan l --Fred returns to Florida, riding in van with Greg --first legal ordination of women in Episcopal church
 - 2 --Richard goes back to Norfolk
 - 3 --Steve goes back to Tech
 - 5 -- snow, and more again for several days followed by ice that is all on the ground a month or more
 - 8 -- Joyce Coupe goes back to North Carolina
 - 14 --Will brings Richard back from Norfolk to live with us
 - 16 --surprise 50th birthday party for Jack with some 40 guests; ABTs come and bring Mother to start visit with us; heavy ice and snow
 - --temperatures from -4 to 18; Richard to work at Holy Comforter as sexton
 - 20 -- Jimmy Carter inaugurated as president
 - 25 -- Richard starts George Mason U. and rugby
 - 30 --beginning of a week of cold crisis, gas shortage, store closings and shortened hours

From mid-January to mid-February it was unusually cold and icy. Mother upholstered the pair of love seats in her visit; a really tough job. Will and Liz were both sick. The house cost us \$1800 with upholstery, massive leaking and rebuilding of downstairs shower, cleaning of furnace and chimneys, breakdown of dishwasher, washing machine and hot water heater; bought new sewing machine to handle upsholstery fabric.

- Feb 5 --Fred turns 21
 - 17-20--Jack rector of men's Cursillo #6
 - 23 --high temperature in 60s
 - 25 -- Elizabeth on Faith Alive in Charlottesville
 - 28 -- Mother leaves to return to Florida
 - -----Rockefellers move from Virginia Beach to Alexandria
- Mar 8 --bought Toyota
 - 10 --had Portia declawed
 - 15 --Richard's birthday; he gave expensive and thoughtful gifts to each of us including a "Dear Dad" Cross pen to Jack and a dozen roses to me; we had dinner at home for him and a young couple from church whom he liked
 - 18-20--Richard, Will, Steve, Jeff Miller camping; 12" of snow their second night out
 - 19 -- Donna Newell moves into her apartment
 - -----Jack's had another, though lighter, spell of headaches
 - 24-29--Beth Barr staying here with Elizabeth
- Apr 15-25--Jack and Judy to Florida; 3 days alone in Port Richey; rest of time split among FAPs in Sarasota, Mother in Bradenton, Lehr and Fred in Tampa. We see Norm and Joan Walker; F already involved with them in family & Requin 29-1 --Jack, Judy, Steve, Liz, Rich camp with kids at Loft Mt.

- May 3 -- Judy's surgery on right foot for Morton's neuroma; over night at hospital; on crutches till 20th
 - 25 -- Steve home from Tech, goes to work for Wayne Hirst in construction through the summer at \$3.25 an hour
 - 27-2 -- Phil Taylor visits
- Jun 1 --Richard in two classes at George Mason
 - 10 --our 23rd; overnight in Charlottesville for Cursillo council meeting
 - 19 -- Elizabeth to Christian Center to work for the summer
 - 22 --Richard, Will and Steve take us to dinner at Magic Pan for belated anniversary!
 - 24-26--Steve on Faith Alive, where?
 - 29 --bring Mother and Lehr here from Annapolis, trip a treat for Lehr's 80th birthday in April
- Jul 1 -- Jack ends Holy Comforter treasurer job after 18 months
 - 1-3 -- Elizabeth home to see Mother and Lehr
 - 7 --Mother and Lehr leave
 - 14-17-- Jack and I with Bill and Lyn Adams chaperoning kids at Fishnet; about 44 of us; terrbily hot and dry; water and ice trucked in from as far as Leesburg
 - 18-22--Lu Penner visiting from Christian Center
 - ----record breaking heat and pollution
 - -----FAPs arrive to visit HCRs till Aug 26; won't stay with us "because of stairs"
 - 31 -- Jack and I to Christian Center to see Elizabeth; take Jennifer Riley and Beth Barr
- Aug 19 -- Steve quits construction; Rich quits as sexton at HC
 - 20 --E. home from Christian Center; Fred home from Florida with white kitten, Strider; surprise party for E.; first team meeting for women's Cursillo #11; I'm rectora; weeks of complications over sites for weekend
 - 23 -- Fred, Steve, Rich leave on Appalachian Trail
 - 28 -- Fred comes home, blistered feet, borrowed boots
 - 30 -- Steve and Rich come home
- Sep 1 -- Richard back to GMU
 - 4 --get-together at Fellows' with Gravesons back from 5 years in Europe; read camp diary, show movies
 - 5 -- Steve to Richmond on co-op job; E. starts junior year
 - 11 -- Fred returns to Florida
 - 12 -- Steve transferred to Suffolk with Water Control Board; lives briefly in a tent, then rented trailer
 - 16 -- Judy to emergency room kidney stone? gall bladder?
- Oct 3 -- Jack leaves URC for GTE Sylvania
 - 6-9 -- Judy rectora of women's Cursillo #11 near Richmond
 - 21-24--J&J to Capon Springs, first time, with Bill & MJ Stone

- Oct 26 --Elizabeth's l6th birthday, midweek, with lots of homework and our great remorse over not making it special
- Nov 1 -- Steve turns 20; working in Suffolk
 - 4-6 -- Jack, Judy, Liz, Pepsi to Suffolk to spend post-birthday weekend at Steve's trailer and touring environs
 - 7-10 -- Jack in California
 - 15 --Elizabeth inducted into National Honor Society
 - ----sometime in here Allison breaks up with Will
 - -----Lehr moves to The Towers retirement home in Tampa
 - 24 -- Thanksgiving; Steve home; all Rileys with us for dinner and afternoon
- Dec 9 --birthday luncheon for me at Marj's; out to dinner w/Jack
 - 15 -- Steve ends work in Suffolk; home for the holiday
 - 17 -- Phil Taylor marries Darlene in Florida; Fred and Mother join family for the wedding
 - --Richard back to work at Holy Comforter as sexton; Fred arrives home with Strider and new kitten, Suds (Swope); FAPs arrive HCRs; Mom P. has to have bed set up in living room to avoid stairs
 - 24 -- Christmas Eve; Judy Schneider joins us for dinner; Loren, Susan, her parents join later for church
 - 25 --family Christmas here, then see Rockefellers and FAPs' then 5 Prisleys and Will join Fellows at Gravesons' for Christmas dinner and evening; Rich with Ewerts (Mother opts for Florida with Lehr)
 - 27-29--Kenny Taylor here; Liz at Christian Center; Fred skiing one day; Steve working through the week for Wayne Hirst
 - 31 --New Year's Eve -- first time in ?? years Jack & I stayed home alone by choice and dind't host the party. Fred out with Deby & George Graveson, Jim Fellows and dates; Rich, Will, Steve & Liz in youth party at Holy Comforter; Jack & I visited there briefly, enjoyed our fireside with wine, cheese, puzzle

* No, we d'dn't do it last year - Rilege d'd T2 home alone - kids all out

<u>January</u>

- 3 --Boys leave: Fred for Florida with Rick Topping; Steve for Tech and into apartment with Dean Donaldson
- 12 -- Judy had a bad sprain to ankle; tripped on stairs
- 14-21--Richard and Will skiing in Vermont
- 16 -- Jack's 51st; just him, Elizabeth and me, but notice taken at Saturday Morning Bunch and at Thumbs; E. & I ailing
- 29-1 --Barbara and Cindy Graveson, Judy and Liz college shopping for Cindy in G's VW bus; Emory & Henry, Tech, Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon, Madison. Fun! Cold!

 About six days of no school or late opening due to snow.

February

- 10-12--Steve, Dean & his girlfriend Cindy here
- 17-19--Elizabeth & Richard on EYC ski trip

More snow days going over the total scheduled for school closings.

March

- 5 --Richard & Will move into apartment; R. has really been on outs with us
- 12 --Richard drives Ewerts VW to them in Florida and visits
- 17-19--Steve home; he & E. on Faith Alive in Chevy Chase
- 20 -- House painted inside; later outside too
- 24 --Good Friday; Mibby's breakdown; Judy to Annapolis; Mibby hospitalized next day in Leesburg
 - 25 --Family birthday dinner for Richard, then 25 in for surprise birthday/housewarming. Last year he knew only Kelleys and Ewerts to join us.
- 26 -- Easter: sunrise service at Emmanuel Lutheran; Susie Kelley to dinner; Loren in Europe

Newspaper says snowiest winter in a decade; 22.6" on 23 out of 67 days; 31-34 average temperature.

April

- 3 --Elizabeth gets drivers license
- 8-9 --Jack, Elizabeth, Judy to Christian Center Lodge dedication
 "10 --Mother arrives; Steve to Richmond for spring quarter with
 State Water Control Board; living at Mrs. Borden's boarding
 house, Monument Ave. and ?; \$35 a week with roommate and
 5 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- * 19 --Mibby home
- ★ 21 --Mother to Annapolis
 - 28-30-Jack & Judy on Marriage Enrichment weekend

 Mother to FHT: I want to get home to sweet (Lehr) who is failing

 May 2 rapidly, in great ! Constant pain
- 12-14--In Aberdeen with Stones; Jack speaking to vestry, see Muffler in #18 --Mother back here from Annapolis Aurapolis

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to help.

May 15 - moder wrote Exts - my first mothers Day to see my culdren in years with number

June

- 1 --Mother returns to Florida
 - --Fred's probation is over
- 8-11 -- Co-ed Cursillo at Ilchester MD; Jack is rector; our 24th celebrated there
- 16 --School out for Elizabeth
- 20-26--Jack to California on business & Florida to see FAPs
- -----Steve home for summer working construction with Wayne Hirst
- 25 -- Elizabeth to Christian Center for summer

<u>July</u>

- --Move Donna Newell out of her apartment for Massachusetts;
 she & parents spend night here
- 9-19 -- Jack in California
- 11 --Steve's accident at Fishnet; damage to car and to two teeth requiring caps. We didn't go this summer; Steve working with accounting staff.
- 12 -- FAPs arrive, staying with Sue
- 12-16--Back and forth to Fishnet, taking E. from CCTC, returning her, bringing Steve home
- 22 -- Kentucky cousins Jack & Mary Steele visit
- 24 --Mother's first cataract surgery in New Port Richey; second shortly after; stays with EHTs in Winter Haven
- 28-30--Jack & I to West Virginia looking at property near Berkeley Springs, visiting in Shannondale

August

- 1-7 -- FAPs with us; Steve's continuing car troubles; Phil & Darlene Taylor in and out while staying with Kelleys
- 8 --Pick up Elizabeth at Christian Center
- 15 -- FAPs return to Florida
- 16 --Judy, Steve, Elizabeth to Florida, driving straight through 12:20 pm to 6:30 am
- ---31--Join Fred in Tampa; visit in Bradenton, Sarasota, S&E visit Kevin Means and Betty? in Melbourne; we 4 to Key West for two days; Disney World, Apollo Beach and home, straight through via St. Augustine

September

- 1 --Home at 7:15 am
- 5 --Elizabeth starts senior year at Madison High
- 15-17--Steve and Elizabeth to Williamsburg
- -----Jack having cluster headaches; first in about three years
- 20 -- Steve moves into trailer at Tech with Gary Cusimano; Shaun Kelley born
- 22-24--Steve youth coordinator for Faith Alive in Scranton
- 24-25--Judy to Blacksburg with load of stuff for Steve
- 30 -- Jack & Judy sailing with ABTs for Robin's birthday
- It's taking months to have basement drywalled, partitioned, ceiling put in after first contractor walked off job. What a mess!

October

- 12-15--Jack & Judy to Episcopal Renewal Conference in Pittsburgh with Fr. John, Norman Johns, Virginia Watson, Dorsey and Grace Worley, Judy Schneider
- 14-15--Joyce Coupe visits from job in Raleigh
- 20-22--Steve and Elizabeth on Faith Alive in Williamsburg
- 27-29-To Blacksburg for Steve's 21st and E's 17th; surprise plans for the kids brought Doug Hundt & Bevie Ingram from Vienna, Jennifer Riley & Scott Means from Roanoke College; Lisa Ingram from Emory & Henry; our gift cancelled car payments

November

- 22-30--Jack to Florida to move FAPs into apartment, then to Calif.
- 23 --Judy, Steve, Elizabeth have Thanksgiving at Fellows with all Fellows and all Gravesons except young Ensign George, Fred and Jack
- 29 -- Puppy Rebecca born

December

- 1 --Elizabeth accepted at William & Mary
- 4-5 -- Record breaking warmth in 70s
- 9 --Large surprise party at Adams' for Judy's 50th
- 10 -- Shaun's baptism; we're godparents with Bob, Lynne Smith
- -----Fred finishes USF; no ceremony for mid-term graduates.
- 13-18--Jack has diverticulitis; imperils our trip to Florida
- 15 -- Steve home from Tech
- 19 --We four fly to FL, spend night at Mother's, joined by EHTs and Buddy
- 20 -- To Nau Lodge, large house at Anna Maria; Fred arrives; Phil & Darlene also
- 21 -- Arnett, Mibby, Kenny arrive; Mother's 80th bvirthday
- 22 -- Robin arrives
- Mild weather, good fun, everyone healthy, cousins getting acquainted, Judy grieving over word from kennel that Pepsi is sick
- 23 -- Jack, children, Mother & Ivisit Lehr in infirmary in Tampa;
- 24 --Sunday; to Church of Christ with Phil & Darlene; visit FAPs; midnight Mass at Episcopal church on the island; rather severe afternoon storm
- 25 -- Joyful, loving, relaxed Christmas Day with all trimmings
- 26 -- ABTs visit Lehr and put Kenny on plane for California
- 27 -- JPPs except Fred fly home; learn on arrival of Pepsi's death a few hours before, age 13+. Thank you, Lord, for the life and devotion of a great dog.
- life and devotion of a great dog.
 31 --New Year's Eve at Adams' with Watsons, Shields, Johns, Judy
 Schneider; Elizabeth & Steve at party at Scott Means'

The year of 600+ deaths at Jonesville, Guyana, of cultists; US recognizes China and ditches Taiwan; Pres. Carter tried & failed to get SALT II signed; US gives away Panama Canal; fails to get Israel/Egypt to peace table; record trade deficit; Soviets set new endurance record in space; US & Soviet spacecraft land on Venus in major probe; rash of UFO sightings.

- Jan --Fred job hunting in Florida; Steve reports 3.7 average for last term, his hardest yet; Richard goes on "Happening" and comes back with pleasantly changed attitude
 - 6 --bought Rebecca (Becky), German-Belgian shepherd mix
 - 16 -- Jack's 52nd, Richard Coupe to dinner, then Cursillo
 - 23 -- Elizabeth gets contact lens
 - 29 -- Elizabeth & I join Jack for lunch in Rosslyn, then first Metro ride for E&me with Jack to Nat'l Airport
- Feb 4 -16--Fred here job hunting and doctors' appointments; then back to Florida via Blacksburg to see Steve
 - 19 --second record snowfall, about 2', similar to one in 1922
 - 27 -- Scott Watson died
 - -----Much snow through the month; <u>not</u> and easy time to housebreak Becky! Nine school snow days.
- Mar --Wind down of farmers' tractor demonstrations that have gone on for weeks, interfering with traffic, tearing up the Mall etc.
 - 7 -10--EHTs visit
 - 14 -- see Virginia Schinzing with her daughter, son
 - 15 -- Richard, Will & Diane to dinner for Richard's birthday
 - 26 -- Egypt-Israel peace treaty
- Apr 7 -- Jeff Connolly puts in our fence
 - 15 -- Easter; chilly with fire in fireplace; Coupes & Kevin Means to dinner
 - 16 -- Elizabeth starts part time job at Bennett's nursery
 - 21 -- Elizabeth & Judy to William & Mary open house
 - -----teachers "slow down" in Fairfax County
- May 1 3--Jack to Boston, Omaha
 - -----Margaret Thatcher elected Prime Minister of England
 - 6 --Steve home from Tech to work for USGS
 - 8 --blue sofa reupholstered
 - 11-13--Steve & Elizabeth on "Happening"
 - 18-20--Jack and I, Elizabeth & Laurie Miller, Frank Watson to loaner condo at Bryce Mountain; Virginia W. sick
 - 23-26--Phil Taylor here
 - 26 --Elizabeth to prom with Jeff Ingram
 - 28 --Scott Means arrives to live with us through summer, working for DOT
 - 30 -- Paul Batchelor moves in
- Jun 9 -- Elizabeth's graduation; luncheon for her, Vicki at Adams
 - 10 --Elizabeth to shore; our 25th anniversary treat with Adams at Molly McGee's
 - 15-19--Jack and I to Capon Springs for anniversary treat
 - 15 --Elizabeth home from shore
 - 20-22--Mary Ann Taylor visits
 - 21 -- gas shortage requires odd/even license plates sales

Jun 24-26--Jack to Boston --Harry Rockefeller retires from USN -----bad gas lines for holiday weekend Jul 4 --cool rainy Fourth at Adams' --new dishwasher 13-22--Steve to Fishnet on staff; also Scott part time 13-15--J&J in West Virginia with Towners; bought Shannondale lot --Phil & Darlene Taylor move to NoVa; staying with Kelleys 20-28--Mimi & Gramps here, then to Sue's; Paul Batchelor leaves temporarily to make space for them --Elizabeth has lower wisdom teeth out 27 Aug 10 --Fred's last day at Channel #13, Tampa --Elizabeth's last day at Bennett's Nursery; Steve flies 16 to Florida to help Fred move 18 --F&S head north in truck with Linda, two cats and VW in truck; Paul Batchelor moves out, to Lawton OK --team formation starts for men's #23; Jack on team --Fred leaves for OCS, Newport 24 --Jack, Judy, Liz to Williamsburg for E. to start W&M 29---Buells here --Buells leave Sep 1 --team formation starts for women's #24; Judy head cha --Steve to Tech; apartment with Chris and Carl Miller 13 --George Graveson's Big 50th Party 14 --Elizabeth's emergency appendectomy; Judy to Wmsburg 21-23--Jack relieves Judy in Wmsburg for Judy's team meeting --Judy back to Wmsburg till 28th; home 28-30; back on 30th 22 --Elizabeth's second surgery; abcess, peritonitis 25 --Elizabeth released to college infirmary; Judy comes home 4 -7 -- Men's Cursillo #23 --house fumigated, animals dipped for fleas --2-3" snow! power and phone off several hours 10 12-14-- Jack, Steve, Elizabeth on Faith Alive, Reston; E. home on Fall break till 16th --Elizabeth to emergency room with carbon monoxide poisoning on return to college; small crowded car, faulty system; her vulnerability due to post-op anemia 19-21--Elizabeth home for Homecoming 27-28--Jack & I to Wmsburg for Elizabeth's birthday Nov 1 - 4--Women's Cursillo #24 --50 hostages from American Embassy held by "students" in Iran (still held at end of the year) --Diane & Will Coupe engaged 5 --Mother arrives from ABTs for visit till Dec. 11 21 --Becky spayed --leave for Newport, J&J, Mother, Steve, Elizabeth; stay

at Bauers' quarters

Nov	24 25	Thanksgiving with Palmersleave Newport midafternoon for home; Mother had bad fallElizabeth back to W&M Steve & Scott back to TechMary Jane and Bill Stone on MD Cursillo; we sponsor
Dec	9	Judy's b'day celebration with Jack, Mother, ABTs at
		Bolling O Club for champagne brunch
	11	Mother returns to Florida
	14	Steve home
	18	Steve and Richard brong Elizabeth home; Scott here
	19	Jack, Judy, Elizabeth to Newport; 11 hours with snow in
		NJ, CT; Fred meets Linda in Providence, flying from FL
	20	at Palmers'; Fred & Linda, Elizabeth & Steve Portner to
		graduation ball
	21	Fred is commissioned Ensign USN by his Dad; Norm Walker
		flies in from FL for ceremony & takes F's first salute;
		F. graduated "with distinction", GPA 3.59, #11 of 219. Leave Newport in FAP and JPP cars, with overnight at
		Carlisle Barracks PA
	22	Carlisle to Pittsburgh for Will & Diane's wedding;
	Com Mess	Steve is in wedding and drives from Vienna
	23	Robin Taylor's graduation & capping in New York
		we drive Pittsburgh to home; visit Mimi & Gramps at
		HCRs; pizza supper at Gravesons'
	24	all Prisleys to Manassas for midnight Mass with Kelleys
	25	Fred & Linda fly to Florida at 9 a.m.; in the afternoon
		J&J, Steve & Elizabeth, Richard & Ann go to "Star Trek"
	26	Bob & Alyce Crouter visit
	28	HCRs and FAPs to dinner here
	31	New Year's Eve at Adams' with Watsons, Rileys, Shields,
		Juanita Murrow, Hills, Rices

Perhaps worst of all is that no major weather records were smashed despite general agreement that this has been Washington's worst February in memory.

hour storm since 1922, but not the worst ever. Precipitation totaled over 5 inches, or twice the normal for the month, but it totaled nearly 7 inches in February 1884. It was below freezing 11 out of 28 days, but overall it's been colder other years.

Only children and fools, however, would argue the merits of this past month. February has too many sworn enemies. They include retailers who lost millions in George Washington Birthday sales, Metro officials embarrassed by the subway's three-day shutdown and hundreds of homeowners whose roofs have sprung leaks and basements have flooded.

Here, for the record, are some of the worst happenings this month:

Worst Morning Rush Hour

There's a great debate on this issue, but the most say the rush hour last Thursday was the worst rush hour in the a.m. Runner-up is last Wednesday when all Metrobuses and subway trains were shut down. Third place: Feb. 5, the Monday that the farmers arrived in D.C.

Worst Evening Rush Hour

No question about this one. On Monday Feb. 12 the second major storm surprised tens of thousands of motorists before the evening rush hour and caused commuters to spend as long as 10 hours in the cars getting home. Some commuters took hotel rooms and just spent the night.

1980

- Jan l --Steve returns to Tech; Richard moves in again now that Will is married
 - 2 --Scott returns to Tech
 - 4 -- Fred comes back from Florida
 - 7 -- Fred and Elizabeth leave together; she for W&M, he for USS South Carolina in Norfolk
 - 16 -- Richard & I take Jack to Jolly Ox for birthday dinner
 - 21 -- Richard resumes classes at GMU
 - 26-27--J&J visit Stones; farewell party for Swickard
 - -----Judy taking quilting classes to make Steve a quilt
- Feb 1-2 --J&J in West Virginia with Towners
 - 8-10 -- J&J to Blacksburg visiting Steve
 - 15 --J&J start team meetings for WV Cursillo #1
 - 20-27--Jack to California & Florida
 - 27 --Shannon Kelley born
- Mar --When did Donna start working in D.C.?
 - 1-3 --pick E. up at W&M for Spring break; go to Norfolk to see Fred; BLIZZARD! 20" snow with 40-60 mile winds; holed up in a motel
 - 5 -- Richard's motorcycle accident
 - 13-24--Steve's Spring break at home
 - 14-20--Richard in hospital for knee surgery
 - 15-23--Fred here, buys new car, Plymouth Arrow; we see more of Donna
 - 15-28--Toni Adams staying during her parents' trip
 - 24 -- Fred to SWOS in Newport; Steve to Tech; Judy to Florida to move Mother from her mobile home to Vinson Hall
 - 28-30--Judy & Mother from Bradenton to Tampa; Arnett joins us there; drive to Vienna in her Dodge
- Apr 3-8 -- Joyce Coupe visits us, Will & Diane
 - 7 --Mother moves into Vinson Hall, McLean
 - 10-13--J&J on WV Cursillo #1 at Peterkin
 - 25 --aborted attempt to free hostages in Iran
- May 2-4 --Stones visit
 - 5-6 -- J&J to Williamsburg to bring Elizabeth home
 - 8-9 -- Steve, professor & 4 students overnight with us on field trip
 - 9-11 --with Thumbs to Fenwick Island
 - 12-17--Mother to Kentucky in connection with showing of Matthew Jouett's portraits, including Arnett's of Grandpa Taylor
 - 13 -- E. to Newport for summer with Palmers; Fred there at SWOS
 - 14 --Nick Morrison of UNC arrives for summer with us
 - 16-18--Fred flies in for weekend
 - 19 --doctor says Mother is legally blind
 - 27-30--Judy "runs away" to Fenwick Island with Becky
 - -----Jack having bad spell of headaches

- Jun 6-8 --Mother, J&J, Steve to Tech for Steve's graduation on 7th magna cum laude in Honors
 - 8 -- Scott moves in for summer; Richard confirmed
 - 9 --Steve to work for USGS; Scott with DOT
 - 14-15--Fred & Donna here; dinner out with Rod
 - 18 --Dodge stolen (recovered on 20th) just days after Steve's arrangement to buy it from Mother
 - 18-23--Steve in hospital for surgery for spermatocele, then home for 10 day recovery
 - 28 -- Steve swaps with Vinson Hall resident, Mother's Dodge for her Camaro; Hornet will go to Fishnet
 - -----Richard out of cast after 3 months & into leg brace
- Jul 3-6 -- Jack to St. Gabriel's retreat house for rest
 - 4-6 -- Scott to PA with Rileys
 - 4 -- Nick moves out to make room for FAPs; leaves area on 18th
 - 7-14 -- FAPs here, then to Sue's; showing poor health and great physical/mental failing
 - 12-20--Steve in Front Royal with staff of Fishnet
 - 25-27--with George & Barbara Graveson to Patuxent
 - 29 -- Fred graduates SWOS, drives home
- Aug 2 -- Fred & Donna, Rod & Mona Bennett, Mother to dinner
 - 3 --start membership and attendance at Church of Apostles
 - 4 -- Fred to Newport for Justice School
 - 8 --FAPs return to Florida
 - 11-30--Steve works each week in Dismal Swamp; home weekends
 - 14-18--J&J to Newport; stay in motel; harbor cruise, mansion tour, picnic, tennis casino etc with Palmers, Fred, Elizabeth; bring Elizabeth home
 - 22 -- Mother goes to Florida for Lehr's illness
 - -----wedding plans swing into gear with invitations, rehear-sal dinner etc for Fred and Donna
 - 25-26--Judy takes E. to W&M to move into French house
 - 30 --Steve leaves with Jeff Miller in rental van to drive to Pasadena CA with Kevin & Betty Means' furniture; some sightseeing en route
- Sep 11 --Steve and Jeff home by air
 - 12-14--Fred home after finishing Justice School
 - 14 -- Scott leaves for Tech; later Steve too for grad school
 - 19-21--to WV with 4 Kelleys, staying with Blums, surveying our lot
 - 22 --Fred reports to USS Dale, Mayport
 - 23-2 -- keep Tasha for Gravesons during packers for Brussels
- Oct 1 --George & Valerie Adami of South Africa visit us during US tour
 - 2 --Gravesons leave for Belgium
 - 4 --Becky starts allergy shots
 - --J&J overnight with Blums for closing of WV #2
 - 5 --Lehr died midday

- Oct 6 --Arnett & Judy leave 9 p.m. driving straight through to Tampa to join Mother; Edmund & Mil, Donna also on hand
 - 8 --Lehr's burial; how wonderfully well Donna fits into the family!
 - 9 -- Arnett flies home
 - 10 --Mother & Judy in Datsun with trailer leave Tampa; ON in Savannah; visit Buells in Summerville and add McIntosh pieces of furniture to trailer; ON in Dunn NC; home 12th
 - 18 --Mother back to her altered apartment in Vinson Hall with new furniture coming; new things are rare for her
 - 16-19--Loren Kelley on VA Cursillo #27 for men
 - 17-21--Elizabeth home on Fall break
 - 24-26--J&J to Williamsburg for E's 19th birthday; rainy, shopping, loafing at French house, Sunday brunch at Hospitality House
 - 25 -- Richard & Ann in accident in Datsun; not their fault; car totalled
 - 31----
- Nov ---2 --J&J in Blacksburg for Steve's 23rd; to Cascades; Jack flying with Steve on photo assignement
 - 4 --Reagan elected in landslide; J&J, Richard, Ann to election party at Hilton
 - 10 --buy '72 Buick to replace Datsun
 - 13-16--Jack flies to FL; to sea on Dale with Fred
 - 22-30--Steve home for hols; works at USGS
 - 23 --Palmers here for dinner with John & Carol, Carol's mother & brother; Dick & Amy Grant; Cynthia overnight
 - 26-28--Elizabeth in Baltimore with Palmers for Thanksgiving; J&J with Steve to Dismal Swamp
 - 28-30--all return home for weekend together, Art Palmer coming with Elizabeth
 - 28 --Mother leaves from ABTs for FL and the wedding, via
 Atlanta with Nell, Caudles, and Winter Haven with EHTs
- Dec 4-7 -- Susan Kelley on women's Cursillo #28
 - 10 --J&J pick up Elizabeth at W&M after her last exam and drive straight through to Winter Park, staying at Langford Hotel
 - 11 -- Steve flies in to Orlando from Tech
 - 12 --EHTs with Mother, FAPs with Virginia McClintock, arrive; rehearsal dinner at Langford; Donna's birthday
 - 13 --Fred & Donna's wedding; beautiful & loving occasion with everything going just right
 - 14 -- all leave; kids on honeymoon to Bahamas; Steve flying to Tech for exams; J,J,E driving straight through to home
 - 18 -- Steve home; works for USGS; gets part-time job for Rich; FAPs arrive at Sue's
 - 20 --Scott home to us & Rileys; his parents separated
 - 21 --Mother's 82nd; ABTs join for church and brunch at Evans Farm Inn; COLD! J&J to see FAPs in evening
 - 25 -- Christmas: Scott with Rileys; 4 Prisleys, Richard

- Dec 25 (cont) and Mother here, ABTs with Ken join for afternoon dinner and take Mother back to Annapolis; Prisleys visit FAPs at Rockefellers
 - 26 -- rearrange Elizabeth's room with Lehr's furniture
 - 27-28--Judy ailing (and tired!) with cold
 - 29-6 -- Elizabeth to Newport to visit Palmers; ticket was Art's Christmas present to her
 - 31 -- J&J take Joanne Connolly Walczak to lunch
 - --New Year's Eve at Adams' with Rileys, Watsons, Shields, Schreiners, Kokalas, Carters

Jan	4 6 8 13 16 20 23	Scott and Steve return to Tech Elizabeth home from Newport FAPs return to Florida Elizabeth back to William & Mary Jack's birthday dinner out with Richard Hostages released; Reagan inaugurated Mother's new furniture deliver to Vinson Hall; we put the old in our basement; begin team formation for WV #3 Dates not clear, but Richard is working for 7-11 and for USGS
Feb	21 24 28	Tommy's first Communion Steve presents paper at ASP, Washington MD Cursillo leadership training day; overnight with Stones
Mar	6-15 9 13 27	Elizabeth on Spring break Robert Coupe born Jack is given notice at GTE; great surprise! Jack's last day with GTE; ready for the adventure of what comes next
Apr	2-5 16-19 17 21 22 24-25	WV Cursillo #3 Fred & Donna with us for Easter from Charleston; take Swope back with them after his long time with us Good Friday - list house for sale specifying delayed closing till Jack's 55th birthday Sign contract on house with first and only person who came to see it Mac McCann died Jack in PA with Eldon Rucker on Shaklee
May	1-4 8-9	Rent Ramsey's house in Blue Ridge Acres, Harpers Ferry Capon Springs with Mary Jane & Bill Stone Williamsburg to move Elizabeth's stuff to Landrum for storage and bring her home for the summer Eden Taylor born Elizabeth on IVCF conference in NC Move to West Virginia; Steve up from Tech for two days and nights to help
Jun	1-9 5 13 19-26 29	Mother visits Elizabeth goes to work as waitress at Cliffside Thumbs here; also Steve, Scott and Jenni Jack to FAPs in Sarasota Steve reports for work to EROS data center in Sioux Falls SD for the summer Stones visit
Jul	1-8 11 15&22	Sailing on Chesapeake Bay with ABTs Ed Miller and Lorna Kattmann married Mother's eye surgeries at Johns Hopkins

- Jul 17-24 To Charleston SC to visit Fred & Donna; see Ligons in Hilton Head, Buells in Summerville, check home in Clemson for Mimi and Gramps
- Aug 16-23 Elizabeth to Newport to see Palmers
 - 23-24 Overnight at Watsons' for Thumbs, pick up Mother, meet Elizabeth at airport, go on to Williamsburg to settle her in Landrum for junior year, Mother home with us till Sept. 1
- Sep 6-13 Steve on trip out West including backpacking across Continental Divide with Scott Means, visiting Means grand-parents, Colorado, Wyoming and back to Sioux Falls
 - 6-8 Kelleys visit with Shaun and Shannon
 - 11-14 Sea Ranch weekend at Outer Banks with ABTs, Diane & Al; meeting at Goertemillers' on way home and overnight there; Gray Henderson house & pet sitting
 - 17-19 Shaklee conference in Philadelphia
 - 26-27 Adams stay with us through Craft Fair
 - 30 Judy stays with Rucker chidren till 2nd
- Oct 2 Judy home from Ruckers'
 - 7 Steve arrives after summer in SD
 - 8 Steve picks up Mother & Elizabeth in NoVa; Fred & Donna arrive
 - 9-12 All to Capon Springs with <u>all</u> Stones; Fred & Donna leave from there to return to Charleston
 - 13 Steve takes Elizabeth to W&M and goes on to employment in the Dismal Swamp; Jack takes Mother to Vinson Hall
 - 15 Mom & Dad Prisley arrive for visit
 - 16 Mother leaves VH with Herricks for Columbia, Charleston to visit F&D, Florida and Atlanta
 - 24 Prisley parents to Sue's
 - 24-26 We two to Williamsburg for Elizabeth's 20th birthday
 - 29 Ouiet Day at the Convent
- Nov 8 Frank Watson speaks at St. Andrew's on stewardship; brunch at Club; Shaklee supervisors meet with us; Goertemillers, Al & Diane stay overnight
 - 15 Mother back to VH from all travels
 - 21-30 Prisley parents with us while Sue and Harry close out their apartment in Sarasota for move into Rockefellers'
 - 23 House blessing by Fr. Jim
 - Donna confirmed at St. George's, Summerville
 - 25-29 Elizabeth home; Thanksgiving here with just the five of us including Mimi and Gramps
 - 30 Fred makes Lt(j.g.)!
- Dec 4-6 Elizabeth with us to Faith Alive, All Saints, Charleston WV (E. via bus to NoVa/Wmsburg 3rd & 7th)
 - 8 My birthday lunch with Marj & Lyn at Lyn's
 - 9 Birthday lunch and Christmas shopping with Jack in NoVa

<u>1981</u> (cont)

Dec	11-12	Snow about 6-8"
	17	Elizabeth home; Steve to Blacksburg
	20	Steve home; all with Towners to Annapolis for Shaklee meeting and Mother's birthday
	21	Fred and Donna arrive
	23	All visit FAPs and HCRs at various intervals
	25	ABTs with Mother and TooTall here for day, plus Towners here for dinner and evening of Hearts
	26	Kelleys visit with her parents (Davises); Fred & Donna leave with Swope & Nellie; Steve goes with us to take Elizabeth and Camille Dzialkowski to meet charter bus in Bethesda to go to IVCF conference in Urbana
	27	Steve leaves
	30-31	ABTs here on Shaklee; we had planned to join New Year's Eve party at Adams and spend night at Ruckers, but the combination of no arrangements for Becky, plus unpredicted and unpredictable snow starting late afternoon had us cancel and have a quiet time and peaceful evening at home with Shakee inventory, togetherness and reading.

We send greetings early this year to let you know of our new location. 1981 - WHAT AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH, TRUST AND PRAYER! January - decide to "really do business" with Judy's brother and wife, Arnett and Mibby Taylor, in Shaklee as supplementary future retirement income; been enthusiastic consumers for years. Mid-February - early April - team involvement in a West Virginia Cursillo weekend, a renewal adventure in the Episcopal church which we had helped graft into West Virginia from our Virginia experience. March - very abrupt "termination" of Jack's position with GTE Eylvania, held for four years, and the following fruitless (with hundreds of others) job search. April - decide to sell our Vienna house and rent in West Virginia where we own mountain property for retirement building "some day." List the house on Good Friday and sign the contract four days later with the only couple who looked at the house, arranging for delayed settlement in January '82 to benefit by the one-time capital gains exemption. Start searching West Virginia for an adequate rental - a real endangered species: Two weeks before buyer's occupancy date in May, a West Virginia agent offers us her own comfortable country home and agrees to move three months early into a home being remodelled. Really felt our guardian angel's presence! May - taste our first real Shaklee financial success and move to Blue Ridge Acres, Harper's Ferry. Delight in country living, quiet, privacy, beauty. Average one car a day passing the house; one mile to our mailbox; one hour to Vienna's familiar claustrophobic suburbs, old friends, familiar shopping, and a large part of our Shaklee business. June - Elizabeth home for the summer from William and Mary with a convenient job in Harper's Ferry. Steve in South Dakota on a summer job as part of his graduate degree project. Much company welcomed into our new home. Business continues to grow. July - a week's beautiful sail on Chesapeake Bay with Arnett and Mibby, then a week in Charleston SC for our first visit with Fred and Donna since their December marriage. His ship, USS DALE, in the yard there. What a treat to work and play on our own schedule - a Shaklee "bennie": August and September - "settle down" for first time since the move; take Elizabeth back to William and Mary for junior year; pleasant travelling in nearby areas in the Shaklee business. October - two-family reunion, all youngsters included, at a mountain inn with old friends dating from 1956, then a visit from Jack's parents seeking a retirement home in this area to move from Florida. (Judy's mother healthy and busy at Navy retirement home in McLean VA.)

And so we move into this special season busy, blessed, and enthusiastic about the total adventure of life. All youngsters will be with us for Christmas, Fred by then a Lt (j.g.), eager in the family tradition. We anticipate building our mountain home next Spring and receiving our first Shaklee bonus car by Summer. (If you want to investigate this good business with us, we'd love to hear from you!)

A Cursillo theme song in West Virginia is "Our God Reigns." We know He has indeed reigned in our life this year - in the ups and downs, the hard and easy, the known and unknown, and we pray He reigns in your life too.

1982

- Jan 1 -- Elizabeth and Cammie home from InterVarsity conference in Urbana
 - 3 --Ice; church cancelled
 - 8-10 -- Shaklee weekend at Greenbrier; Wendy arrives to visit E;
 10 below on 9th-10th; -5 high!
 - 13 --Wendy and Elizabeth's departure delayed by snow; plane crash and metro accident in D.C.
 - 13-16--Keep Woodwind and Ashley
 - 14 --Wendy and Elizabeth to Richmond, then W&M
 - 17 -- News reports say coldest winter on record
 - 18 --Go to settlement on #1001 Westwood, Vienna; Jack 55
 - 20 -- Ice; Judy's accident in Toyota; no injury; car totalled but beautifully repaired for Elizabeth at college
 - 21-23--Snow about 7
 - 27 --Mother comes to visit
 - -----Jack is serving as Diocesan lay director for Cursillo
- Feb 2 -- Mother goes back to Vinson Hall
 - 12-14--Stay with FAPs at Rockefellers'; Sue & Harry away
 - 17 --Snow 6-7"
- Mar 5-14 --Elizabeth's Spring break
 - 13 --Bought Subaru station wagon
 - 29 -- Mother's surgery on hand; brought her home to us
- Apr 3 -- Jack & I to Wmsburg for Elizabeth & Tim, bringing them home for Palm Sunday; E. takes Toyota to school on 4th
 - 11 --Easter; take Mother back to Vinson Hall after church; to Blacksburg, staying at Donaldson-Brown, to see Steve; Towners keep Becky
 - 13 -- To Charleston SC and overnight with Sandy Bee (Rosie on Holy Land tour)
 - 14 --Sightseeing; Yorktown, submarine Clamagore; see Buells; see Bob Rockefeller (at Citadel)
 - 15 -- To Jacksonville to Fred & Donna's; Watersedge Dr.
 - 19 -- To Orlando, staying at BOQ
 - 20 -- To Vero Beach to see Owens re Shaklee
 - 21 --Disney World
 - 22 -- Sea World; to Florence SC
 - 23 --Wilmington NC, see battleship; to Arklands' near LeJeune
 - 24 -- Home
 - 30 -- Elizabeth home, keeping Towner dogs, and
- May 2 --Gideon convention at Cliffside; Elizabeth speaks at Holy Comforter for her fundraising, then to school, to Myrtle Beach with IVCF friends and to Asheville for conference
 - 6 -- Take delivery on Shaklee car, Chevrolet Mailbu
 - 8-10 -- Elizabeth and Wendy here
 - 21 -- Elizabeth home; Steve to Augusta apartment hunting
 - 24 -- Meet Steve in Harrisonburg to give him Buick and bring Camaro back for repair and painting
 - 25 --Bring FAPs for visit while Sue has gall bladder surgery
 - 26-28--Tim Howe visits; 27th, Steve defends Master's thesis

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- -- Take FAPs back to Sue's --Lyn Adams & I give bridal shower for Jenni Riley
- --Our 28th anniversary; dinner with E.at Stonegate
- --Tech graduation; Steve finishes grad school but doesn't qualify for public graduation; thesis delayed by injured hand (severe knife cut and stitches); rainy and cold,
- --Steve goes to work for Continental Forest Industries in
- --Scott Means arrives to stay till his and Jenni's
- --E.to Texas for Wycliffe training, then to Philippines 18-24--We travel: Post cousins, Vergennes VT; Crouters, Amherst NH; Averys, Andover MA (stay at Hanscomb AFB); Palmers, Newport RI and Jack attends War College conference
- --Rehearsal and dinner for Scott & Jenni's wedding; Steve is best man, Jack an usher; wedding on 26th
- --Return Steve's Camaro to him, painted for Master's gift
- --Charlie Williamson's retirement from USMC
- --Meet Steve briefly to deliver things to him from our storage cubicle in Fairfax. He also took stuff from Rileys' in U-Haul to Scott & Jenni in Atlanta and moved his and Scott's things out of Blacksburg apartment. Lyn Notman, Kevin & Betty Means visit overnight
 - --Lyn & Means leave; picnic at Whites'; fireworks at Club
 - --Stake out house prior to building; Moonridge Lane
 - --Clearing started for building Shannondale house
 - 21-23--Mother and Olga Jacobs visit from Vinson Hall
- --Elizabeth returns from Philippines
 - -----Jack starts consulting contracts
 - 26-28--Elizabeth has IVCF exec group visiting
 - --E.& Margaret to W&M in Toyota for senior year; Judy in Subaru, taking more gear, stays overnight
- Sep -----Jack takes position on Boy Scout committee for St. A's --Thumbs here; Happy Hour in open basement of new house
 - 7-27 -- FAPs from Sue's to Florida
 - -- Jack pops tendon in right middle finger opening window at ABTs' new house on Annapolis St.; still in splint at end of December
 - 20-24--Mother visits
- --Jack elected to vestry at St. Andrew's on the Mount Oct 3
 - 15 --Elizabeth home on Fall break
 - 17 --Elizabeth to Gettysburg to see Kim Miller, her Philippines partner
 - -----Mother to Florida for visit
 - --Elizabeth's 21st birthday
 - 28-30--Jack and I to Williamsburg for birthday celebration (late this month or early November Fred & Donna move into quarters on Naval Station, Mayport)

- Nov 5 -- Stephen Coupe born to Will and Diane
 - 10 -- Mother back to Vinson Hall from Florida
 - 17 -- Marj & Lyn spend day with me to pack china, kitchenware
 - 18 --Moving day to the mountain! Jim & Carole Towner, Mike and Diane Blum, Dave Wood, do the job with us
 - 19 -- First night in "Home Port"; vinyl and carpeting not laid
 - 24 --Finish moving out & cleaning in Blue Ridge Acres at 1:30 a.m.; leave at 10:30 for Williamsburg; leave with E. to drive straight through to Mayport
 - 25 --Arrive Mayport about 7 a.m.; Steve arrived last night;
 Thanksgiving with Fred & Donna; DeeAnne and boyfriend
 join for dinner
 - 27 -- Jack, E. & I to Augusta, following Steve, and overnight at his apartment on Vineland Rd. He has bought a house on HUD sale
 - 28 --All leave after church (First Presby) and brunch; Steve to Blacksburg; we to Wmsburg; overnight there and home 29th after breakfast with E.
- Dec 8 --Celebrate birthdays with dinner at Tysons with ABTs, Mother & us; bring Mother to Home Port with us
 - 10 --Fred leaves on DALE for Med & Indian Ocean; we take
 Mother back to Vinson Hall
 - 12 --3" of snow
 - 14 -- Jack, new to vestry, elected senior warden; Judy doing St. Andrew's newsletter
 - 19 --3" of snow
 - 21 --I take Mother out for her 84th birthday; she's happy with invitation to VH party that night given by twins with same birthdate. Elizabeth home at night, tired and upset from exams, finding her way to "home" up the mountain for the first time in dark and snow
 - 23 -- Steve arrives at 2 a.m.; Judy to Ann Hickey's funeral at St. A's; Jack to Herm Dworkin's funeral in NoVa; Jack brings Mother to us for Christmas
 - 24 --Donna's flight options to join Fred in the Med all fouled up and she can't even get to us here! Stays in Mayport for Christmas; Fred in Villefranche
- CHRISTMAS--Mother, Steve and Elizabeth with us for first Christmas in Home Port; ABTs in California; FAPs and Rockefellers together at Sue's; Blums in for brief visit; Towners to dinner; take Mother to VH in evening and we visit Rileys
 - 26 --Scratch all pending social things; go to church; relax!
 - 27 --Kelleys here all day with kids, Pop and foster-Kristen; men finish basement bath
 - 28 -- Camille here; Scott & Jenni, Lisa Ingram arrive for O/N
 - 29 --Linda Nichols here to see Steve; all the gang on the Appalachian Trail
 - 30 --Bring FAPs here for visit
 - 31 --Steve to Coupes' for New Year's and overnight; Elizabeth ditto to Lexi Miller's in NoVa; we four here and FAPs early to bed

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- Jan l Prisley parents here; nothing going on Steve picks up cats and returns to Augusta
 - 3 Tim, Christie & Bill arrive; FAPs return to Sue's
 - 4 Christie & Bill leave
 - 7 Tim leaves; Wendy here with Elizabeth till 13th; we go to the Homestead (Shaklee) through 9th
 - 15 Steve moves into house at 1920 Chester Ave., Augusta
 - Jefferson dorm at W&M where E. lived freshman year burned down; no injuries
 - 21 Donna to Athens to see Fred; then to her folks in Saudi
 - 26 Elizabeth & Tim break up
 - 28-30 Peterkin for vestry retreat; Gray house sits
- Feb l Prisley parents move into Woodland Hills, Arlington
 - 11-15 Snowed in under 3' record breaking snow; insulate attic
 - 17 Donna returns to Jacksonville
 - 18-20 Phil, Darlene & Eden here
 - 20-21 Kevin & Betty Means here
- Mar 4-12 Linda Nichols visits Steve in Augusta
 - 4-14 Elizabeth's spring break
 - 5-9 Mother with us
 - 11-13 Elizabeth to Emporia for STIM training
 - 14 Warm! Yard work, iced tea, screens on
 - 17 Fred home from deployment on Dale
 - 18-20 E. on Faith Alive, Richmond; Judy does Literacy training
 - 25-29 To Steve's (Augusta) with trailer of household donations; Palm Sunday weekend
- Apr 1 Good Friday; planted many seedlings
 - 2-10 Fred & Donna here, then to school in Norfolk leaving cats
 - 3 Easter ABTs & Mother here after church
 - 16-17 Ron & Jerri Baldwin here
 - 20 Jack's surgery at Bethesda for kerato acanthoma on nose
 - 22-24 Jack coordinates Faith Alive in Berkeley Springs
 - 25 Fred reports to MSO Fearless in Charleston
- May 2-4 Robin Taylor here
 - 3-4 Elizabeth & Mark here
 - 5-8 Jack & I on Shaklee trip to San Francisco
 - 9 Rebecca Taylor born
 - 13-16 Mother with us to Wmsburg; E's graduation 15th; E. ailing rides home with Jack in Toyota, Mother and I in Chevvy
 - 18-20 Elizabeth to Mark's in Alexandria
 - 20-22 Faith Alive at St. Andrew's on the Mount
 - 26-31 Jack, Elizabeth & I with trailer to F&D's new townhouse in Summerville; Rod Bennett & Buells on hand also
 - 31 Dad P. fell; is in hospital with cracked femur
- Jun 2-5 E. on WV Cursillo #7; we keep Towner dogs; Ashley shot and to our old vet in Great Falls for a week; OK
 - 4 Kelleys & Adams here overnight for mananitas and closing
 - 8 Fred deploys on Fearless to Europe

1983 (cont) Our 29th; Mexican dinner with Towners & E. in Fairfax, 10 then to Truro for prayer & praise, cancelled that night! 15-19 Elizabeth & Camille on missions conference in Sewanee Steve's accident totalling Camaro but he's unhurt 25-28 Mother here Mark here Jul 2-4 9-10 Carl Becker here 16-19 E. to Richmond to see Wendy; Chapel Hill to see Stephanie; Ft. Bragg to see Mark Dinner with Mother, Phil, Darlene, moving to Miami ABTs and we see Mother off on trip to Europe 16 17 Donna in Spain & Portugal meeting Fred; Rogers too 23-26 Buells here 26-30 Mark & Scott McClesky here; 26th Christie here; 28-30 Mark, Scott & Elizabeth to White Sulphur Springs; 27-28 Williamsons here; our deck added Mom back from Europe; we meet her with Steve, Linda, ABTs 30 Steve and Linda here briefly 31 Aug 11-25 Steve to South Dakota, Oregon, California 12-20 Elizabeth to Canada with Blums & Grooms Fred made lieutenant. Mark & Scott arrive, Scott O/N only 19 Mark to his folks' new home in Tacoma WA 21 Linda here overnight for landscaping 27 Elizabeth meets Mark's plane and on to Williamsburg 28 Elizabeth starts two grad school courses at George Mason 29 U.: later makes Rileys' a second home Jack and I leave for sailing with ABTs... 31 ...return from sailing; Goertemillers along in their boat Sep 2 Wendy & Mark here, then all of us to White Sulphur Springs for Christie & Bill's wedding at OCF 12-17 Prisley parents here FAP 60th anniversary; join Rockefellers at Grace Church and dinner at Hilton 23-25 Elizabeth to Wmsburg; Jack on men's diocesan conference; Steve here briefly 25-26 Gravesons here Elizabeth to work at Talbot's, Tysons Corner, plus GMU Al Kincaid to Fed'l Prison sometime in here Kevin & Betty Means & Lyn Notman here till... 30 They leave after pleasant visits & sightseeing Oct 2 5 - 7Mother here Mark here on Fall break Brief time with Steve - thoughts on possible engagement 8 ABTs to Florida taking Mother to visit in Sebring, Winter 17 Haven, Bradenton Fred back to Charleston from deployment 22-23 Goertemillers here 28-30 Parish retreat at Peterkin; E. with us; also Gil Siler

Donna has been working photography with Eleanor Koontz

- Nov 3 Jack & I to Augusta to see Steve
 - 7-9 To Vero Beach to see Jim & Marion Owens; Melbourne to see Charlie & Helen Williamson; Epcot & Tampa
 - Meet Mother in Bradenton; see Walkers and overnight Tampa
 - 11-14 To Summerville to see F&D, then home
 - 19-21 Goertemillers here, MD Cursillo
 - 22-27 Mark arrives; pick up Linda on 23rd, and all to Summerville where Steve met us at Fred & Donna's
 - 24 Cold, rainy, windy, cozy Thanksgiving
 - 25 Cold & windy; picnic at Dorchester with Don & Eleanor Koontz; Army-Navy game
 - 26 Sightseeing in Charleston, Fearless, O Club, sunny, warm
 - 27 12-hour trip home leaving Mark in Richmond, Linda in Warrenton ---- Dad Prisley to hospital with perforated ulcer; never returns home
- Dec 6 Fred & Donna tell us she's pregnant! --- Marj & Lyn take me to birthday lunch; Elizabeth brings Mother home
 - Jack, Mother & I meet ABTs in Baltimore for Black Watch & Scots Guards to celebrate December birthdays
 - 9 Take Mother back to VH; shopping; dinner & movie with E.
 ----- Somewhere in here Mom Prisley also in hospital for about five days with bleeding ulcer
 - 12 Dad P. has stroke
 - 15-18 Charlie & Elma Davis (Joan White's parents) headquarter here for Melinda's wedding; Elizabeth to Wmsburg for Grand Illumination
 - Arnett, Mibby, Robin, Kenny, Jack & I, Liz & Mark meet at VH for Mother's 85th; ice storm strands E. O/N at VH to get to work next day; Mom home with ABTs; Mark with us
 - 22 F&D to Florida for holiday with Bennetts & friends
 - 23 Steve, E & Mark, Jack, I to hospital to see Mimi, Gramps
 - Jack, E&M meet Steve at hospital, then all home here; metro area OK; mountain iced in; -10 with strong wind
 - Dad P. died about 4 a.m.; temp -16 here; 4 ABTs with Mom and TooTall arrive about 2 for dinner, visit till 7ish
 - Jack with Sue & Mom P. through day; E. goes back to work and Steve has go for her as store closed due to burst pipes; Mark & Steve cut wood; all of us at night go to movies for "The Christmas Story" to lighten up a tough season
 - 27 E&M fly to Tacoma; Steve to Linda's; Jack to Mimi's ahead of ice storm; freezing rain kept me from memorial service
 - Jack home in a.m.; ice complicates everything; Mom P back to Woodland Hills from Sue's; Sue & Harry "get away"; I took tree down and some decorations earlier than ever
 - Still only about 10 degrees high, ice getting worse, packed and glazed; reports say coldest weather since 1870; stayed home from NY Eve party at Adams

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- Jan 1 Steve back from NY Eve with Coupes; Kevin & Betty Means arrived
 - Steve, Kevin & Betty left; Steve's "broken" car and Willie-kitten stayed; Kelleys with Pop visited
 - 3 E. & Mark back from his home in Washington state
 - 12 Mark returned to W&M
 - 14 E., Towners, us to Pizza Hut, "Gorky Park" movie, HoJos for early b'day outing for Jack
 - 16 Jack's 57th -- nothing special; he had group
 - 27-29 Jack on vestry retreat; E. on Faith Alive, York PA
 - ---- Jack doing more consulting with PSI (Charlie Hall) and spending more nights with Mimi in her apartment. E. spending more nights with Rileys for classes at GMU
 - ---- Snow on the 10th, 11th and 18th on icy base. Chevvy stayed at the vicarage and we "commuted" by Subaru
- Feb 3-5 Elizabeth & Mark here
 - 7-11 Mimi in hospital with intestinal problem
 - 10-12 Elizabeth on STIM weekend in Emporia
 - 18 Elizabeth began team meetings for WV Cursillo #9
- Mar 2-10 Mark here from W&M on Spring break
 - 9-19 Elizabeth's Spring break from George Mason U.
 - 11-12 Steve here briefly; broke up with Linda Nichols
 - ---- Steve moved from Augusta to Savannah Gaston St.
 - 16-17 Jack & I to Diane Kincaid's in MD to help with house, horses, twins etc. while Al's in prison
 - 18-24 Judy to Donna (pregnant) in Summerville and Steve in Savannah, returned his repaired car; Fred at sea till 23rd
 - 23-25 Elizabeth on EYC retreat for St. Andrew's
 - 29 Cole Gray Wagner born
 - ---- Snow on the 8th, 12th, 29th
- Apr 5-8 Elizabeth on team for Cursillo weekend #9; ABTs candidates on MD Cursillo; Goertemillers here and all four O/N
 - ---- Jack getting involved in new Submarine League; is treasurer for Shannondale Citizens Assoc.
 - ---- Finally, after 2+ years put in front entry walk
 - 20 Elizabeth had wisdom teeth out
 - 19-25 Mother here for Easter
 - 26 E. and Mark engaged while at W&M for Military Ball
 - 27 Rockefellers & Mimi to FL for burial of Dad P's ashes; Mimi visited there till May 15
 - 27-28 Richmond with Kevin & Betty Means, Lyn Notman, Shaklee
- May 2 E's last class at GMU (grad work in TESL)
 - 5 Visited Al Kincaid at Lewisburg Prison
 - 9 Mother in infirmary for borderline pneumonia; M&E arrived
 - Planted 42 front yard juniper; birch trees put in by nursery; Elizabeth & Mark to Williamsburg
 - 12-14 In Wmsburg for Mark's graduation and pro forma commissioning tho he has another class in summer school; his parents and grandp[arents there; Edgrens to PA then here

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- for supper 14th; M&E in from Wmsburg; he stayed on here
- 15 Jack & I met Mimi's plane, back from FL
- Deby Graveson's wedding to Larry Rice; we're much involved in set-up & arrangements; overnight w/Fellows; E&M overnight with Casners; 19th, all to brunch at G's
- 21 Walt & Carolyn Reuland visited from Pacific Grove CA
- 25-29 Thumbs at Fenwick Island
- Jun 1 Mark back to W&M to complete graduation requirements
 - 1-4 E. Graveson here from Camp Highroad
 - Mother back to informary; pain from compression fractures of thoracic vertebrae; her mental confusion becoming so painfully evident
 - ---- E's hours at Talbot's cut to so few as to be hardly worth the effort
 - 8-10 White Sulphur Springs for our 30th with ABTs, Stones, Adams, Watsons, Kings, Elizabeth & Mark
 - Mark here briefly; he & E. to PA for his aunt's funeral; Mark to Wmsburg the 16th
 - 16-17 Ruckers here
 - 18 IRS audit; only our CPA went; all's well!
 - 20-24 Sailing with ABTs; joined Goertemillers for MD's 350th celebration at St. Mary's City; saw Bauers at Solomons Island en route; drove home leaving boat w/co-owners
 - 27 Mimi visited
 - 29 Mark arrived to surprise Elizabeth
- Jul 1 E & M to Williamsburg
 - 3 Mimi went back to her apartment
 - 6 Jack & I to Wmsburg and back for Jack to commission Mark
 - 7 Mark to Ft. Benning; E. home; belated 4th celebration at club with Halls & Gravesons; Gs overnight
 - 10 Elizabeth appointed to vestry to fill vacancy
 - 16 Bought Elizabeth's wedding dress!
 - 18 Charlie Hall's heart attack
 - 20-22 E. to Philadelphia to see Kim, IVCF partner in Philippines
 - ---- Seeing such mood swings in Mother; also vision failing
 - E. to work full time at Talbot's; stayed with Rileys thru the week; insurance helps with endodontist!
 - 27 Steve & Karen Webster here overnight before all going to Richard Coupe and Anne Mitchell's wedding the 28th
- Aug 2 Sarah Janece born in Charleston Naval Hosp. at 7:45 p.m!
 - 6-17 Summerville w/Fred, Donna, Sarah; Jack drove home the 13th; I flew home the 17th; we visited Steve overnight in Savannah; had dinner with him at Karen's, Summerville
 - 19 Mark reported to Ft. Knox
 - Jack recorded for Harpers Ferry Nat'l Park slide show; the judge at John Brown's trial
 - 31 Elizabeth started treatment with Dr. Segal, endodontist in Frederick, for old root canal repair; Mark arrived; Steve and Karen off to Adirondacks on vacation

- Sep 1 Wendy & Ira here with Mark & E.; Kelleys visited 3 Mark left 6-9 Judy on ECW conference at Peterkin
 - 7-11 Mimi visited
 - 12-28 Kept Tasha for Gravesons while Barb was in FL with her mother, broken hip, then back home with Barbara
 - 14-16 Jack on ECM conference at Peterkin
 - 21 Bought Honda; didn't qualify for another Shaklee car
 - 22 Gil & Jan Siler's wedding
 - 26-28 Mother visited
 - 29-30 To Lynchburg & Brookneal, took Mimi, Elizabeth, for Bob Rockefeller and Tanya's wedding and Cole's baptism
- Oct 5-8 Mark here
 - \$\\ 15 Subaru to shop in Martinsburg till Nov 15! Transmission..
 - 17-19 Mimi here
 - ---- Fill dirt to make front parking area
 - 21 Richmond for Wendy's wedding to Ira Gamm
 - 22 Charlie & Helen Williamson here
 - 23 Friendship crisis with Lyn Adams; mental health crisis with Liz Graveson and she's here 25-27
 - 27 Reverted to assistant supervisor in Shaklee
 - Will & Diane, Robert & Stephen Coupe visited
 - 30 Liz Graveson in hospital till shortly before Christmas
 - ---- Jack added SPA consulting to PSI; still senior warden and Citizens treasurer
- Nov 6 Reagan won presidency over Mondale-Ferraro by landslide (first time of a woman running for high office)
 - 7 I had another dental crown, \$380
 - 9-13 I was sick-ish sinus?
 - 9-12 E. visited Mark at Ft. Knox
 - 40 Got Subaru from Mtsburg as far as local shop before it broke down (transmission); Willie has cystitis
 - 16 Elizabeth's last day at Talbot's
 - 17 Fred, Donna, Sarah arrived by car; DeeAnne by plane; we brought Mother up
 - Sarah's baptism at St. Andrew's; Kelleys, godparents; brunch here with Towners, Rockefellers, Mimi, Mother, ABTs, Adams, Watsons, Rileys, Kings late; grandmothers rode home w/HCRs
 - 19 Mother started chelation in Laurel MD with Dr. Beals
 - 21 Jack sick; Elizabeth ailing
 - Thanksgiving Day --Mark arrived during the night; Steve & Karen about 2 p.m.; Jack & E. much better
 - 23 All Gravesons (except Liz) and B's mother visited
 - Steve, Karen, Fred, Donna, Sarah, DeeAnne left; E&M to a wedding in NoVa
 - 25 Mark returned to Ft. Knox
 - 26 Judy had surgery on tendon in right wrist
 - Steve & Karen announced engagement! Edmund Taylor died.
 PSI office party at Marriott with Elizabeth

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Dec	11-15	Judy ailing
	13	My "birthday" lunch w/Marj and Lyn
	20	Mark arrived; through training at Ft. Knox
	21	Birthday dinner for Mother at Bolling O Club with ABTs Mark, Elizabeth
	22	Steve arrived
	23	Elizabeth feeling real bad; Steve to Coupes overnight, Jack brought Mimi up here
	24	Elizabeth quite sick and to emergency room
	25	Christmas E. some better; ABTs and Mother came for
		dinner and afternoon, then ABTs on "vacation" leaving Mother here
	26	Steve left for Karen's in Delmar
	27	Jack took Mimi home, then to work; I took Mother to Dr Beals, then back to Vinson Hall
	28	Elizabeth & Mark to PA to see his grandparents
	29	72 degrees! Had mostly mild weather through Fall and early Winter; Tamuras (E's Japanese family in tutoring)
		here to dinner; Steve & Karen arrived for overnight; had bad cold? allergy?
	30	Steve & Karen to visit grandmothers in NoVa, then on south; Judy ailing; Jack, Mark, E. to church at Zion
	31	Bad weather; Jack & I stayed home; E&M to NoVa for car repair, dinner with a friend, back here early

Greetings to you in the love of Christ whose birth we celebrate!

These months since Christmas cards last went out have moved to all the natural rhythm of life - death and birth, endings and new beginnings

Jack's father died last Christmas morning, leaving such a gap in the family circle, but we recall his years of having said - through good health and poor - "Sing no sad songs for me. It's been a good life." Just before his death we received happy news of expectations from our eldest son and his wife. Our first grandchild, Sarah Janece, was born to Fred and Donna in August in Charleston SC and is a perfect delight of a beautiful, lovable babe. Being grandparents is as special as we 'd heard! In the coming Spring Fred will complete his tour of duty as executive officer of a minesweep which has won every award available to 'sweeps. In April he, Donna and Sarah will go to Newport RI to Department Head School.

Shortly after Thanksgiving when all our youngsters, plus others, and grand-daughter, had been here, we learned - on the same day - of the death of Judy's lifelong "favorite-est" uncle in Florida, and of Steve's engagement. We rejoice with Steve that he will be married in the Spring to Karen Webster of Albany NY, a delightful young woman who shares his career in forestry, and - like Donna - has such a very welcome spot in the Prisley family. At this time Steve is located in Savannah GA and Karen in Summerville SC, living not far from Fred and Donna. What a blessing that such a sense of "family-ness" is already established!

And there's still more! Another new beginning that brings us all joy is Elizabeth's engagement to 2nd Lieutenant Mark Edgren, U.S. Army. They met at William and Mary, will be married here in April and will live too far away in El Paso TX. It's been a special pleasure and time of deepening acquaintance to have Mark already very much a part of the family, thanks to the times he's been here. His own family is across the country in Washington state where his father, an Army chaplain, is stationed. Elizabeth completed graduate work qualifying her to teach English as a second language, recently "retired" from an interim job in a women's clothing store, and is "self-employed" in tutoring several foreign children and adults in English. She will live at home and commute to Northern Virginia for tutoring until her marriage.

Jack's and Judy's mothers are still residents in retirement homes in Arlington and McLean VA and are doing fairly well. While health is not the best and life is not easy for them in their advanced 80s, they are pleased to be close enough to Jack and his sister, Judy and her brother, and families to be included in holidays and have us near enough for frequent visits.

It becomes readily apparent that much of our life is involved with our tamily surely the greatest joy and blessing we have, along with our own good health! We do stay remarkably busy on our own though, with Jack's consulting jobs in the Washington area, continuing in our Shaklee business, brief trips here and there, involvement with our little mission church, community organizations and the continuing challenge of creating our "Home Port" here on the mountain.

Let us offer apology and explanation for this "form letter" - certainly not our favorite form of communication - which is repetitious for some of you and lacks a personal touch of response and comment. Judy can't write individual cards this year due to limited use of her right hand following tendon surgery. Great timing for such a nuisance, isn't it?

We give thanks for you, for the spot you hold in our hearts and lives and pray the Lord's peace and blessings for you now and through the coming year.

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Jan 1 Quiet! 2-3 Jody Norris to visit Mark & Elizabeth Mark left for El Paso 4 Judy diagnosed with sinus infection that had bothered 10 most of Fall & Winter J&J left for Savannah, Melbourne, Summerville; E. housesitting Home Port At Williamsons with Lothar & Linda Zube; in WV temps of -15 with wind chill Jack's 58th birthday; visit Space Center; dinner at 16 In WV Fr. Jim announced he'd accepted call Yacht Club. to Zion in Rome NY. Day trip to Jim & Marion Owens in Vero Beach 17 18-19 To Summerville; 19th Steve & Karen join for Mark & Damon Rogers' party at club. In WV -10 with no wind. 20 COLD in WV & SC - at midnight in WV -24 "Alberta Clipper" record breaking cold wave; -10 at noon 21 at Home Port; 6 in Summerville with power off three hours and car and washer hoses frozen 22 J, J & K lunch w/Buells; does Donna have mumps? Jack drove home; S&K to Anchorage till 27th for job 23 interview; Donna OK 25 Judy flew home from Jacksonville; E on vestry retreat; "Yukon Yowler" storm, freak cold front with snow; nearly three hours National Airport to home 26 E home from retreat; 6 degrees 2-3" snow 31 A month for interior painting, stencilling, roman shades Feb ----E to Summerville on train till 6th; snow here 1 2 D gave F surprise birthday party; S&K there also E to endodontist in Frederick for discolored (old damage) 15 front tooth; Judy continuing treatment for sinus; took Mimi to Carnegie's with Sue & Harry for her 88th birthday Stamp prices rise to 22c; Towners move to Rome NY 17 19 Painted guest bath and hall Ash Wednesday; E staying with Tommy Riley till March 1 20 21 Stencil guest bath, paint kitchen Jack's overnight hernia surgery at Bethesda; no driving 27 for two weeks E. on Cursillo workshop; Judy painted living room Mar 2 7 Paint living room & entry 9 Jack in Jefferson Hospital ICU on heart monitor Jack home, it was a problem with his medication; S&K 11 packers in Summerville I flew to Charleston to "nanny" Sarah while F&D readied 12 move to Newport S&K left for Delmar NY and soon-to-be wedding 14

E's wedding invitations mailed; Donna, Sarah & I left

Summerville in VW camper to visit her grandparents in High Point NC; got word en route of grandfather's death

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- 16 Arrive High Point; Mona & Rod, Dennis & DeeAnne there
- 17 I drove the camper home w/Swope; Kittens had run off
- 19 Kittens arrived at National Airport
- Donna & Sarah flew to CA w/Mona; Fred went to sea next day; J&J, E, Mimi & Gran flew to Albany; dinner with Websters, S&K at Stone Ends. Mother so cheerful, confused
- E&I lunch w/Steve; ABTs & wedding party arrived; rehearsal dinner at Fiesta
- 23 S&K wedding at 2 in Delmar; reception at country club. We missed F&D, also Mark; our group flew home next day
- 25 S&K overnight at Home Port en route Alaska in pickup camper with Micah. Jack feeling steadily worse from apparent effects of heart meds; wore moniter for weekend
- 30 Sue's shower for Elizabeth
- ---- A month of several appointments for Jack at Bethesda
- Apr 3 To Harrisburg PA with E in F&D's VW camper (left here) to pick up Edgren grandparents' dining furniture for M&E
 - Good Friday; S&K board ferry to Alaska; Fred was relieved on Fearless and went to Virginia Beach
 - 7 Easter J,J&E took grandmothers to Holy Comforter, then dinner at Vinson Hall; Fred w/Wagners in Brookneal
 - 8 E&I had personal quiet day at convent in Catonsville
 - 9 Fred arrived
 - 10 Helen Grimm & Joan White's shower for Elizabeth at club
 - 11 Donna & Sarah arrived
 - 13 Gravesons gave large dinner/shower for E.
 - 14 Fred & Donna to Bavarian Inn overnight
 - 15 Steve to work in Anchorage for USGS-EROS
 - 17 Fred to Newport; Donna & Sarah stayed here
 - 19 Hot! 91 degrees near record. J, J&E to dinner at Tamuras
 - 20 Charlene & Carol visited Donna; Wendy overnight w/E; Thumbs to Bolling AFB club in 90 degrees, a.c. not working, Subaru a.c. not working, compactor not working
 - Fred started Department Head School in Newport; D,S & E visited grandmothers
 - 24 Mark arrived
 - Jerri Baldwin w/Christie & Rebekah arrived, staying at Whites'; Scott McClesky & Brad Flecke arrived, staying w/Mark at cottage near club
 - Edgren parents & grandparents arrived, staying at Helen Grimm's; Gravesons arrived, staying at senior Blums' empty house; rehearsal & dinner at Iron Rail; ABTs with Robin & Pat arrived, staying at cottage
 - 27 Eucharist for family at St. Andrew's w/Dave Wood celebrating; M&E's wedding at 11:30 at Zion; brunch reception at club; warmer than we would have liked; large group here after; Gravesons overnight
 - 28 Skip church; Gravesons, F,D & S left early
 - Honda to Winchester for service; made it a pleasant day beginning a new era more on our own, errands, lunch etc.
 - 30 End of driest April in WV history; 1/4" rain

- May 2 Mother to FL to see Maxine Martin, gone about two weeks
 - 4 Mark & E arrived from Savannah honeymoon
 - 5 See M&E off at Dulles for El Paso; we went with Becky to Fenwick Island, Rileys' cottage
 - 9-13 Fenwick Island to Newport to stay w/Sarah while F&D go on Marriage Encounter, then back to Home Port
 - 23-28 J&J to Fenwick Island, joined by Thumbs for holiday weeknd ---- Jack going to chiropractor often for neck, hip
- Jun 5 Deborah Keefe joined Marj, me in group
 - 6-9 Got new glasses, then w/Dixie overnighting at BeaBea Williams for Nevena Cristie Shaklee training
 - 21-24 Sailing with ABTs
 - 26 Jack ended consulting w/PSI; Judy back to periodontist
 - 30 Good news! Hostages freed! Announced at Holy Comforter where we were w/Mimi after Thumbs & overnight w/Watsons
- Jul 1 Jack to work full time with SPA
 - 2-5 Mimi visited
 - 6 Stones visited overnight
 - 19-20 Overnight in Annapolis for Shaklee & Buells' visit
 - Judy had bad poison ivy; Jack ended Citizens treasury job
 - 26-28 Gravesons visited with Liz
- Aug 1 Mom Prisley moved to one-bedroom apt. at Woodland Hills
 - 2 Jack & I to Newport
 - 3 To bazaar at St. Mary's; Hazard Beach w/Palmers
 - F&D had cookout for Sarah's 1st b'day; Mark & Damon Rogers w/kids, Tom & Mary Ann McCormick w/teenagers & her mother; George Graveson
 - 5 Took Nancy Rice Holt to dinner w/Fred & Donna
 - 6 Jack to "Threat" seminar at War College
 - 7 Donna, Sarah, I lunched with Cynthia at Casino
 - 8 J&J to lunch w/Holts in Warwick
 - 9 To Rome NY to see Jim & Carole Towner
 - 10 Back to Home Port
 - 13-14 Shaun Kelley, 2nd grade, overnight; Susan & Shannon up for day, 97 degrees!
 - 24 John & Jan Kirby wedding
 - 28 Watsons moved to new own home
- Sep 4-8 Real heat wave consistently in high 90s
 - ll Gloria started twice a week "companioning" for Mother
 - Booster heat system instaslled; Susan Kelley here with parents, grandmother
 - 19 Mexico City earthquake; final toll at least 9500
 - 25 J&J w/ABTs to dedication of C.N.G. Hendrix lab at USNA
 - 27-29 Jack at Peterkin on EMC conference; Judy in Annapolis for Mibby's color training
 - ---- Mother so confused about her grandchildren, places, dates
- Oct 3-5 Mother & Olga Jacobs to Home Port

- Oct 5-6 Judy to Newport, brought Sarah back; Donna ailing; movers come on the 9th
 - 11 Fred finished Department Head School; he & Donna to Home Port at 1 a.m.; Kittens ran off, returned 17th
 - 14 Fred to Dam Neck for school
 - Donna to NoVa to meet F. and go to a wedding
 - 19 F&D to Home Port; I started strange stomach ailment which was to last about three weeks
 - 20 Fred to Dam Neck
 - 21 Donna, Sarah, I left for Jacksonville; camper breakdown at Troutville VA, overnight there
 - 22 Troutville to High Point & overnight with Marie
 - To nursing home at Greensboro to check on D's grandmothers, and to Walterboro for overnight
 - 24 Walterboro to Jacksonville and stayed with Patti Warren
 - Donna's movers to house on Grassy Cay Lane; we spent nite there on 26th
 - 27 Judy flew home
- Nov 1 Met Joanne Walczak and kids for dinner
 - 2-3 Jack flew to Tampa for Norm Walker's retirement; Fred too
 - 5-7 Mimi visited
 - 6 Shenandoah flooded after much rain, 15' above flood stage in Harpers Ferry; minimal damage around here; much devastation elsewhere in WV, VA
 - 13 Colombian volcano, toll about 25,000
 - 15 Gall bladder x-ray for my stomach problems, negative.
 - 20 Liz Graveson to NP ward at Bethesda
 - 27 Barbara Graveson to hospital, kidney stone
 - Thanksgiving at Gravesons'; Barb home about 36 hours; Deby ailing & miscarried four days later; George seeing his three women in three hospitals; Mimi in Brookneal with HCRs. Mother happy to stay at Vinson Hall & we took her to dinner the 29th
 - ---- Warmest and wettest November on record
- Dec 1 Barbara to Walter Reed from Belvoir; I started premarin
 - 3-21 We kept Tasha; all animals dipped, flea bomb house
 - 5 2-3" snow; hope terrible flea problem ends with cold
 - 6 Hordes of evening grosbeaks, never showed last year Fred reported to Flatley
 - 8 Birthday brunch w/Mother, ABTs at Ft. Myer Club
 - 12-14 Mother here
 - 13 Barbara Graveson home from hospital
 - 18 Cold! Wind chill to -13. Jack bought VCR.
 - 19 S&K arrived after long, hard flight from Anchorage. Fog in Seattle almost prevented departures.
 - 20 Mibby's mother died; ABTs to CA. M&E to Colordao.
 - 21 S&K, J&J take Mother to Alpine for her 87th b'day.
 - "Christmas" at home with S&K and they left 22nd for NY Jack brought both mothers to Home Port; all to midnight service, 2-3" snow

CHRISTMAS-	at Home Port with mothers; high about 10, low -5 to -10
26	Jack took mothers home & worked; M&E back to El Paso
27	Jack, S&K arrived about 5:30
28	Jim & Belinda Smith arrived, leaving after brunch 29th
30	Jack, S&K left 5:30 a.m. for National Airport and their return to Alaska; Jack at work
	Quiet and peaceful for us two, a glass of wine and to bed before midnight

How different! I could have dreaded it, but had enough heart to determine that I would herald our Savior's birth with as good grace as I could command. Being basically spoiled in this particular aspect, I enjoy the company of youth more than I do that of some peers and the elderly. Now, for the very first time in my life I would be the youngest member of our Christmas celebration! What an undesirable and appalling circumstance! It would have been easy to wallow in a case of the "mugwumps" -- my dad's term for a grand grouch or martyred misery.

Weigh these against each other: the zest and laughter and lift of having our grown children with us against the gloom and forlornness and weight of having our very elderly mothers with us. One is pitifully fee ble in body and mourns the death of her husband on Christmas morning only two years ago; the other is pitifully feeble in mind and is in a gray world where anxiety overcomes celebration.

Add to this setting these factors: (1) my blessed husband having less time off during the holiday season than we've ever known, and the added responsibility of helping me with the mothers and keeping my spirits up (2) a shopping season when expenses seemed to spin more out of control than usual (3) a shepherd-less church which couldn't promise a lot in the way of kindling spiritual warmth for Christmas (4) the death of Mibby's mother only a few days before Christmas causing great emotional and physical stress for her, and a frustrated concern for those of us who wished to respond sensitively to her pain, and (5) the consequent total change of Christmas plans from sharing Christmas Day and dinner with the Taylors, where there would have been hugs and laughs, to going it alone here with a patchwork dinner for us, of whom two had less than eager appetites.

So the scene is set for a classic act of mugwumps, right? I'm glad that I knew from the start that determination and play-acting on my part would not be enough to pull off the kind of birthday party I would want to give my Lord. So God, it's up to you to guide and encourage. It may not come off perfectly, but without you the celebration and I will surely flop together. The following are some of the thoughts, the delights, the revelations that kept Christmas special, even though different.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT ANY OF THE KIDS HOME? WHAT GOOD IS THAT? WHAT'S TO CELEBRATE? "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife..." Genesis 2:24

Why, the prayers I prayed through so many years for the right loving mates and fulfilling marriages for our sons and daughter <u>are</u> answered! Hallelujah! And Fred and Donna did invite us to share Christmas with them. And Steve and Karen did opt for the expense of coming East and giving cheerfully and lovingly of their precious time. And Elizabeth and Mark are to be commended for their wise decision of how to spend their first Christmas. We are so exceedingly thankful for these "other halves" to complete the lives of our offspring, and give them the joy and happiness we've had in each other.

"And parents, never drive your children to resentment..." --Ephesians 6:4

Our thoughts and spirits were surprisingly (?) free of expectations or demands on these three young families, and for that I am so thankful, because such "pricklies" could be hard to get rid of, once rooted, and could surely cause resentment in our children.

OH, SIGH! BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE MOTHERS? THEY'VE NEVER GOTTEN ALONG PARTICULARLY WELL. THEY'RE BOTH DEAF AND WE GET SO TIRED OF REPEATING AND TALKING SO LOUD. AND THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS REAL CONVERSATION -- IT'S JUST FRAGMENTS OF SPEECH AND HARDLY REAL COMMUNICATION.

"...despise not thy mother when she is old." --Proverbs 23:22

"...who honors his mother is like someone amassing a fortune ... he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord ... Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength." --Ecclesiasticus 3:4,7,13,15

"With all your heart honor your father, never forget the birthpangs of your mother. Remember that you owe your birth to them; how can you repay them for what they have done for you?" --Ecclesiasticus 7:27-30

"What is good has been explained to you; this is what Yahweh asks of you; only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." --Micah 6:8

What a lesson in compassion! And how gently it was taught by the Master Teacher! Here were two really fine ladies - our irreplacable mothers - reduced to what was, for them, a totallyembarrassing role of incapacity, and what they insisted on calling "uselessness."

Instead of revelling in the mirror of the present or the future with our children, we experienced the mirror of the past with our mothers: real sleigh rides in Vermont; the year the freak windstorm in Florida blew down the Christmas tree set on the screened porch; the years of your own Christmas antics that they sometimes remembered even better than we did. Yes, their enthusiasm was tarnished and their joy somewhat worn and ravelled, but how much worse it could have been for them - and even for us! - to leave them ignored or alone.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE GUILT FEELINGS WITHIN MYSELF? THAT I WANT TO BE DOING CHRISTMAS DIFFERENTLY... THAT I WASN'T A GOOD STEWARD OF TIME AND MONEY... THAT I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN MATERIALISM FOR PROPER EVALUATION OF WHAT TO DO FOR GIFTS, FOR DECORATIONS, FOR FOOD, FOR ENTERTAINMENT...

"I fail to carry out the things I want to do, and I find myself doing the very things I hate." --Romans 7:15

"If we say we have no error in us, we are deceiving ourselves and refusing to admit the truth, but if we acknowledge our sins, then God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and purify us from everything that is wrong." --I John 1:8-9
"I need only say, 'I am slipping', and your love, Yahweh, immediately supports me."
--Psalm 94:18

Hmmm, it all sort of goes back to that old popular song, "accentuate the positive eliminate the negative..." and I know I can, unless careful, get not only wrapped up but warped in negative and defeating thoughts.

IT'S HARD TO THINK JOY AND PEACE AND CELEBRATION WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH PAIN GOING ON IN LIVES THAT ARE DEAR TO ME. IT'S NOT ONLY THE PROBLEMS WITH OUR MOTHERS, BUT THE SORROW I FEEL FOR THE GRAVESONS WITH LIZ' MENTAL ILLNESS, HARDER TO DEAL WITH IN THE STRESS OF CHRISTMAS, PLUS THE REAL PAIN I FEEL FOR DONNA AND HER PARENTS IN HER GRANDMOTHER'S ILLNESS, AND FOR MIBBY, SO SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND NOW COPING VERY MUCH ALONE WITH HER SORROW AND VARIOUS DIFFICULT FAMILY INVOLVEMENTS.

"The favors of Yahweh are not all past, his kindnesses are not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; great is his faithfulness." --Lamentations 3:22

The Lord was indeed gracious in the death of Mibby's mother; it is what we would hope for those we love - a quiet slipping away in her sleep in her home with no grave and painful illness. And who would have believed that Liz and her mother each said to me privately after Christmas, "It was probably the best Christmas we have ever had," with more hugs, more expressed love and caring, more thoughtfulness on everyone's part.

I MISS A REALLY VITAL CHURCH LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDS TO SET THE SCENE FOR THE SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF CHRISTMAS. I FEEL A LITTLE DEPRIVED, LEFT OUT, WITH NO SUCH COMMUNITY TO LEAN ON.

"Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." -- Isaiah 55:10-11

Because, for once, I had done nearly all my shopping and errands earlier than usual, I was at home quite a bit in the several days before Christmas. I often tune in our Christian radio station WCRH, but never have I been more thankful for it! I don't think I heard a song or scripture or talk that was useless. There was inspiration and en-

couragement and new resolve in everything I heard. There was joy and peace and love. There was probably a more direct line of the word of God via my little radio than there would have been from church and friends where activity may have prevailed over contemplation. I thank the Lord that he is for all times and can live with us in the electronic age.

IT REALLY WASN'T THE WORST CHRISTMAS TREE WE'VE EVER HAD, BUT IT WAS DRIPPING NEEDLES WHEN WE SET IT UP, AND THERE WERE SOME MIGHTY BARE SPACES BETWEEN BRANCHES. BESIDES, I'VE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING A TREE WE CAN PLANT, AND THIS TIME I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO HELP PICK IT OUT!

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its fruit..." --Luke 6:43-44

What a very sound tree this one was, judging by its fruit! And honest assessment acknowledged that I was <u>freed</u> from the heavy responsibility of picking out "just the perfect tree." How many "perfect" Christmas trees have we had? And yet, hasn't each of them been "perfect"? Because there was gracious distance between the limbs on this tree, its "fruit" -- the ornaments -- hung in colorful abundance. They were the fruit of tradition -- ornaments that hung on trees before I was born; the fruit of friendships -- gifts from many people through many years; the fruit of patience -- so many handmade; the fruit of humor -- who could have a painted crabshell and a gilt turkey drumstick wishbone on a Christmas tree without a special story to tell; the fruit of another culture -- a sealskin circle edged with brilliant beads and the "IHS" made by an Eskimo sister in Christ.

And not having a hole to dig and a weight to carry and a time limit to observe for healthy planting was a fortuitous gift to a husband already stretched with working and loving and caring and doing.

WELL, I TRY TO CONCEDE WHERE IT SEEMS KINDEST AND APPROPRIATE, BUT ONE THING I AM NOT GOING TO CONCEDE IS GIVING UP ATTENDANCE AT MIDNIGHT SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE! THE MOTHERS JUST MIGHT HAVE TO SPEND THAT BIT OF TIME ALONE AT HOME IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GO OUT.

Not want to go out? It was more than a passing thought as the weather was cold and rainy. They were both fearful of getting wet, of catching cold, but go they did -- slowly and apprehensively and with support, entering both car and church in pelting rain. And they both thought our little church looked "just lovely". And they both thought the visiting priest who celebrated the Eucharis was very fine. And they both thought that other people there were warm and friendly. And Gran exclaimed through tears the same statement I'm sure she's made on every such service we've shared, "That was the loveliest Christmas Eve service I've ever attended."

We had entered the church from the rain, and when the doors opened for our departure, there was a general gasp....
"Behold, I make all things new." -- Revelation 21:5

A full two inches of fresh fallen snow covered the ground and clung to branches and swirled under lights. We had an unexpected white Christmas. And we came home to enjoy after-midnight candles and tree lights and a little nip and "the peace that the world cannot give" and love that spanned the miles to those dear ones not with us, and love that spanned the years to those dear ones who won't be with us again this side of heaven, and somehow it did feel that all things were made new.

We four slept well; we awakened late and leisurely; we had a yummy continental breakfast; we received phone calls with "Merry Christmases" and good wishes; we lingered over our gifts and exclaimed on the sensitive choices. I chose my solitude in the kitchen for dinner preparation while Dad entertained mothers. We had a pretty table with local greens all about, and red candles and good china. We observed the injunction of Nehemiah 8:10, to "eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for

whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

My, how I missed you each, but rejoiced in your own togetherness and accepted the missing as part of the love that binds families together. I acknowledged past blessings, anticipated more to come, and ended Christmas recognizing changes and pain and separations and yet knowing within myself that "A glad heart is excellent medicine; a spirit depressed wastes the bones away." --Proverbs 17:22.

I grew up a little, not out of the mysteries of Christmas, but into a different joy.

- Jan 8 2 degrees
 - 9 Jack resigned from vestry/treasurer, due to SPA job
 - 12 60 degrees
 - 17-19 Big George, Barbara, young George Graveson visit; Liz in Shepard-Pratt, Baltimore, for treatment
 - 18 70 degrees
 - 19 Will & Diane Coupe & boys visit before going to India
 - 25-27 Snow
 - 28 Explosion of space shuttle Challenger 1+ minutes into flight; 7 killed
 - 29 Snow
 - 30 Jack's oral surgery for lump on tongue; benign
- Feb 6 Snow
 - 9-15 Six days of snow, three days of rain, Jack sick four days, me sick five days. With Thumbs to Purcellville Inn on 14th
 - 19-23 I'm sick again
 - 22-24 Snow
 - 24 Start study group in Annapolis w/Sidney Bogenrief; "Transformation of the Inner Man"
- Mar 8 Kevin, Betty & Andrew Means overnight
 - Judy took chairmanship of Mountain Community Center; Jim and Florence Churchill directors for awhile
 - J&J drove to Jacksonville to see F,D&S at 4523 Grassy Cay
 - 17-18 Williamsons joined us and stayed at motel
 - 22 Phil, Darlene & Daniel came from Orlando for the day
 - 23 Left Jacksonville; overnight in Rocky Mount; home 24th
 - 31 Gravelled parking areas and laid cement door pads
- Apr Fred in Caribbean; Donna pregnant and dealing with hopedfor sale of Summerville house; Steve & Karen packing in Anchorage for move East in rental truck, towing car
 - ll Snow, Thumbs here
 - 12-13 St. Andrew's centennial celebration
 - 18-21 Judy in Annapolis for Shaklee color workshop
 - 26-27 S&K here, back from Alaska to Appamattox; buying house in in Forest; K with Westvaco; S at Tech for PhD
 - 26 Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine
- May 4 10th anniversary Cursillo ultreya at Grace, Alexandria
 - J&J all day w/Mike Blum to Beckley, St. A's became parish during diocesan convention; Dean Kellerhouse back with us overnight
 - Pat & Bob Kabeary visited for day before moving to FL
 - 20-21 Virginia Dellinger here; second husband died this Spring
 - J&J flew to El Paso to visit M&E, 10668 Carswell, Ft. Bliss; hot & dry; we felt the change
- Jun 2 Jack flew home; I to Maui at request of Martha's trust officer to see about organizing a move for her

- Jun 4-11 Much time w/Judy & Mac Magarifuji, also w/Martha "organizing"; some sightseeing including Io Needle, Haleakala Crater; Phil, Darlene & 3 children arrived; Judy & Mac gave a family "luau" on 10th, our 32nd anniversary
 - 11-12 Flew home & within few hours Kellerhouses arrived to stay with us till moving into rectory on 17th
 - 16 Annapolis study group ended
 - 20-22 Steve & Karen here
 - J&J flew to Jax to see F&D, now in quarters, 639B Oriskany Jack to sea with F on Flatley for 2-3 days
 - ---- Bennetts left the mid-East for Pittsburgh
- Jul 4 Rick Macri visited; all to beach; saw fireworks from Mark & Damon's; news from Maui that Martha's in hospital with broken hip
 - 7 Flew home
 - 8 Donna's sonogram; a girl!
 - 12 MGEs on trip to Oregon, Vancouver
 - Muriel & Vaughn Nogle to Maui; Paul Gillette's niece Mother had CAT scan; no treatable problem
 - Deborah & Phil Keefe, daughter Sarah & Irish girl visit for day ----BABY GIRL PRISLEY BORN! 8:50 p.m., 4#13oz, several weeks early; Fred at sea
 - 21 Judy started chiropractic for neck
 - 26 Annapolis, sail to Shaklee steak fry
 - 30 With ABTs visited nursing homes for Mother
 - 31 Fred home from sea; baby still in hospital on monitors
- Aug 1-3 Visited S&K in their new home, 108 Declaration Terrace, Forest VA
 - 3 Judy flew Lynchburg to Jax to help Donna
 - 14 F&D brought Elizabeth SusAnne home; still on monitors
 - Judy flew home; Mother in Vinson Hall infirmary, terribly disoriented; pressure on us to move her elsewhere
 - 18 Again, looked at homes for Mother
 - Judy to Maui again; Martha in nursing home after broken hip and strokes; Muriel, Vaughn, I at her house, sorting, packing, disposing of things
 - 31 All day hike into Haleakala Crater with Judy Magarifuji, Muriel, three young women
- Sep 3 Packers for four separate U.S. shipments
 - 4-5 Left Maui in evening and home again
 - 9-11 Flew to New London w/Jack on business conference; played tourist in Mystic, saw SSBN Kamehameha, reception, party
 - 10 Mibby's father died in his sleep at home
 - 13 Dean's installation at St. Andrew's
 - Mother back in infirmary with extra help; so frightened, anxious, confused
 - 19 To Pentagon w/Jack for Mark Rogers' Stockdale award
 - J&J leave for Charleston; overnight with Buells
 - 26 To Raddison Francis Marion for Qluillback reunion

- Sep 28 To Mayport, stayed at VOQ, Jack met Beth
- Oct 1-2 Left Mayport, arrived Asheville; saw Biltmore House; to Georgetown KY
 - 3-5 To Mary Ann & Jim Hall's in Sadieville; KY Historical Society; found Aunt Jouett's old house; Bud visited with Heather and Joshua; home on 5th
 - 6 Jack began two months of intensive overtime with SPA
 - 15-17 Packed & moved from Mother's Vinson Hall apartment by myself; Mibby & Arnett deep into their move from Heaman's Way to 14 Annapolis St.
 - 16 Baby Beth off heart and lung monitors
 - 19 J&J overnight in Mother's empty apartment, on sleeping bags after last close-out; Herricks arrived from Atlanta, stayed in VH guest apartment
 - 20 Herricks and Judy to Home Port
 - 21 Herricks left because of his bad back; ABTs brought Mother from VH infirmary to Jeffersonian Nursing Home
 - 24-26 We're on Faith Alive team at St. Margaret's, Annapolis; Arnett was chairman
 - 26-29 Had Mom Prisley visit while Jack worked; Fall colors, Blue Ridge Outlet Mall, Bavarian Inn
 - 31 Steve & Karen here.....
- Nov 1 For Steve's 29th b'day; Ghost Tour in Harpers Ferry
 - 2 Kids left; Judy elected to vestry
 - 9 J&J to Annapolis for Grandmother Taylor's dresser; Jack tore ligaments in right hand; in cast till mid-December
 - 12 ABTs actual move to 14 Annapolis St.
 - 14 Grosbeaks passing through!
 - 17 Martha's shipment from Maui came in excellent condition
 - 26 Jack & Mimi, Steve & Karen arrived
 - Thanksgiving: In addition to the four above, ABTs,
 Mother, Dean & Beth Kellerhouse here. Mother's last
 visit ever in our home -- pitiful, distressing condition
 - 28 Jack took Mimi home
 - 29 S&K left; he'd been sick Thanksgiving
 - ---- 'Long about this time Kenny went into cocaine rehab
- Dec 1 Judy godmothering Shaun; shopping for children's relief
 - 3 Had to buy new washing machine
 - 7 Arnett turned 65; no joint clebration this year
 - 9 I turned 58; dinner w/Jack at Bavarian Inn
 - 12 Jack's cast off
 - Judy to Annapolis w/load of Mother's, Martha's things
 - 16 Cute, fun little Willie put to sleep; feline leukemia
 - ---- Arnett here working through more of Mother's things
 - ---- Voyager aircraft w/crew of two went around world in nine days without refueling
- CHRISTMAS Just us two! Dinner at Bavarian Inn. Not bad day...
 - 26 Met F,D & girls a.m. at Dulles; Elizabeth p.m. at National

- Dec 27 Rod & Mona Bennett, DeeAnne, Aunt Marie came in, staying at motel; S&K arrived from their Christmas in NY
 - 28 * Beth's baptism; punch party w/cake at MCC; brunch at home with all above plus Tom, Marj, Tommy Riley, Scott & Jenni Means, Charlene & Carol, ABTs. Mark arrived p.m.

29 S&K left; Fred sick

31 Quiet, cozy NY Eve; M&E with Edgrens till late

* origin of Pink & Purple Grandmas. Hearts to our pink & purple sweat suits loaned when party began to break up.

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Feb 9 15	Mimi back to Woodland Hills and immediately back in hospital till 14th; breathing problems Mimi's 90th birthday
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Jun 1 6 7-8 10 17 19-20 21 29	Steve's surgery for removal of one testicle Fred reported to USS Kidd and sudden change of orders takes them to Persian Gulf instead of Med To Forest to see S&K after his surgery; high concern. Jack running fever; feels real bad (Our 33rd anniversary) Steve's CAT scan showed lymph involvement; Jack had tentative diagnosis of hepatitis Jack has ultrasound to check on liver involvement Fred in Sicily en route to Gulf Jack running high fever again Steve to Duke Univ. Hosp. for lymph surgery. Jack to ER at Winchester Hosp. with temp of 103
Jul 1 2 3-5 6 7 8 10 18-20 21-22	Jack had liver biopsy, inconclusive Steve's surgery cancelled due to lung involvement, chemo set for 2nd-6th Jack allowed home days only during holiday weekend Jack home after incomplete procedure; were told later it would have been life threatening if they'd continued. Steve's first miserable chemo completed; repeat in Aug. Jack's temp 102; had blood culture Judy took Jack's records to Dr. Morton, Fairfax, for consult Jack had another CAT scan, 2nd? 3rd? Jack running fever Judy flew to Norfolk to drive back to Home Port with Donna & girls; Kidd in forefront escorting reflagged tankers Jack's fever, feeling very bad. Donna's gr-mother died.

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Donna and girls to Bennetts in Pittsburgh; Judy going to

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Aug 7-10 Steve's 2nd chemo at Duke 9 Brought Jack home; daily drives & visits over; he was most uncomfortable with IVs, gastric tube, stomach drain

Jack on antibiotics for site infection 12

14-18 Donna & girls here

Jack gets "all clear" at JH 18

28-30 S&K visited us

Sep 4-8 Steve's 3rd chemo

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9 Jack went back to work

11 Becky's surgery for mass on face; possible malignancy

17 Mother broke hip; surgery next day

Good news! Steve's CAT scan showed no cancer Oct 6 19

Judy picked Steve up at Duke after 4th chemo, stayed till 23rd while Karen was on business trip. What misery for Steve!

27 Mother in hospital with pneumonia; oxygen, suctioning

Steve to Duke Hospital for acute infection from splinter 30 in right hand. White count too low to fight infection,.

Nov 5 Steve home from hospital

To Mt. Lake Inn, Blacksburg, with S&K for Thanksgiving, and back to Forest for one night

Dec 3-6 Join Donna & girls, S&K, Bennetts, Aunt Marie, ABTs in Norfolk/Va Beach for welcome home for Fred & Kidd

Steve happy to return to Tech, taking one class 3x week and teaching freshman computer lab

Mother in Jefferson Memorial w/pneumonia 9-16

1987

- Jan 1 --4" snow; Elizabeth & Mark to Richmond, Williamsburg, Forest; Fred, Donna, girls & I to visist Mother she's pleased but doesn't really register
 - 3 -- Fred, Donna, girls left; Elizabeth & Mark returned
 - 4 --Elizabeth & Mark left
 - 10 --1-2" snow
 - 11 --Ruth Holder died
 - 14 -- Jim Owens died; ABTs in Portugal
 - 16 -- Jack's 60th birthday; Thumbs at Kings'; neither Thumbs nor family seemed to make much of it
 - 17-19--Jack & I to Woods Resort for birthday treat
 - 22 --12-14" snow
 - 25 -- snow all day, another 4-5"
 - 26 -- snow much worse in DC, VA
 - 27 --14 degrees below zero
 - 29 --Mimi to hospital; breathing and general problems
- Feb 9 --Mimi back to Woodland Hills and immediately back to hospital; breathing
 - 14 --Mimi back to her apartment with Sue staying there; later a fortuitous blessing of live-in help
 - 15 -- Mimi's 90th birthday at her apartment
 - 20-22--met Steve in Harrisonburg; spent weekend with them in Forest
 - 23 --18" snow
 - 28 --BelAire Md, Aberdeen, for Susan Stone's wedding; stayed at DVQ, Aberdeen, with Quint & Liz Atkinson
- Mar 10 --Mil Taylor died after short hospitalization and recent discovery of cancer
 - 13-15--OCF Conference at White Sulphur Springs PA (Didn't know it then, but that was last of peace and leisure in '87)
- Apr 1-7 -- Judy to Mayport babysitting while F&D househunt in Norfolk, Va Beach
 - 9-15 -- Jack to Jefferson Memorial for prostate surgery; excessive bleeding, clotting, not so simple as predicted
 - 11-12--Phil Taylor visited while on USNR duty in Washington
 - 25-26--We joined Stones in overnight with Atkinsons in Herndon; we'd made connections for As to get her mother into Jeffersonian Manor
 - 28 -- Jack went back to work
- May 1 --FAPs moved from 639-B Oriskany, Mayport, to 1940 Sun Valley Dr., Virginia Beach
 - --Judy with Watsons to US Capitol for demonstration for Christian dissidents
 - 9-10 -- FAPs here en route to Bennetts in Pittsburgh, then Norfold with U-Haul
 - --took Mimi to dinner for Mothers' Day
 - 11 --first DAR meeting, Bee Line Chapter
 - 14 -- Elizabeth came for long weekend, met Mark in area on TDY

- May 15 -- Mibby's suicide attempt; critical condition in ICU
 - 17 --USS Stark in Persian Gulf hit in "accident" by Iraqi missile; 38 dead. Mark returned to El Paso.
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 - 9 -- Laura Lyn Means born to Scott & Jenni
 - 10 --Steve's CAT scan showed lymph involvement; Jack had tentative diagnosis of hepatitis
 - 13 -- Gravesons spend day for cheer-up and Craft Fair
 - 17 -- Jack had ultrasound for detection of liver involvement
 - 19-20--Fred in Sicily en route Persian Gulf
 - 21 -- Jack running fever
 - 23 -- Richard Lee Coupe born to Richard and Anne
 - 26-27--Jack running fever
 - 27-28--John Hodges visited
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 Jack to Winchester Hospital on emergency with 103 temp
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 - 7 -- Jack's temp 102; had blood culture
 - 8 --Judy took Jack's records to Dr. Morton, Fairfax, for consult
 - 10 -- Jack had another CAT scan 2nd? 3rd?
- ------Ollie North hearings ended on Iran-Contra arms deal---
 - 18-20--Jack running fever; Judy had bad allergy attack
 - 21 -- Judy flew to Norfolk to help Donna. USN escort of reflagged tankers began in Persian Gulf with Kidd in forefront.
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- Jul 28 -- Donna & girls to Pittsburgh. Judy to Johns Hopkins.
 - 30 --Jack's surgery; removed gall bladder, stone, part of pancreas, rebuilt bile duct to repair obstruction. Arnett "sat" & I followed him to Annapolis for night. Helicopter down in PG with casualties; Kidd on rescue.
- Aug 7-10 --Steve's second chemo at Duke
 - --Brought Jack home. Judy'd gone to J.H. each day. Jack really miserable with IVs, gastric tube, stomach drain.
 - 12 -- Jack on antibiotics, site infection
 - 13 -- Fred called from Bahrein
 - 14-18--Donna and girls here
 - 18 -- Jack to J.H. for his "all clear"
 - 20 -- See Kings off at Dulles for three years in Heidelburg with TRW
 - 28-30--Steve and Karen visited
- Sep 1 -- Judy had moles removed by Nau; no problem
 - 5-6 -- Gravesons visited
 - 4-8 --Steve's third chemo
 - 9 -- Jack went back to work
 - 11 --Becky's surgery for mass on face; possible malignancy.
 Beth Kellerhouse & kids leave for new home, parish in
 Wilkinsburg PA
 - 14 --Dean left for Wilkinsburg
 - 17 -- Mother broke hip; surgery next day for joint replacement
 - 18-20--Jack brought Mimi for visit
 - 24 -- Mother back to Jeffersonian
 - 30 -- Judy to Va Beach with Becky for visit and to make "purple princess" Halloween costume
- Oct 3 --crazy day in Emporia for Peanut Festival and honoring Kidd; cold, rain, Sarah threw up in my lap
 - 6 -- Good news! Steve's CAT scan showed no cancer!
 - 7 --Judy home from Va Beach
 - 15-19--Donna and girls visited
 - 19 -- Judy picked Steve up at Duke Hospital after 4th chemo, stayed with him in Forest while Karen was out of town on business conference.
 - 21 -- Mother's been in Jeffersonian one year.
 - 23 -- Judy home from Forest. What misery for Steve!
 - 24 -- Fred called from Bahrein
 - 26 -- Fred & Kidd leave Persian Gulf a few days after their retaliatory measure of shooting down an oil platform
 - 27 --Mother had pneumonia; oxygen, suctioning etc. at Jeffer-sonian
 - 30 --J&J to Va Beach for Halloween weekend with Donna, girls.

 Steve to Duke Hospital for acute infection from splinter in his right hand. White count too low to fight inf.
 - 31 --Mild weather for Halloween Purple Princess & Clown

- Nov l --J&J home. Steve has 30th birthday in Duke Hospital as they fight infection.
 - 5 --Steve home from hospital
 - 6-8 -- J&J on Faith Alive, Mt. Airy MD, with Gil & Jan Siler
 - 11 --record-breaking "thundersnow"; 4" here, up to 15" in DC, VA
 - 21-22--Visited Stones with Quint & Liz Atkinson; cold!
 - 25-28--To Mt. Lake Inn, Blacksburg, with S&K for Thanksgiving
 - 28-29--In Forest with S&K
 - 29 -- Home. Donna and Sarah arrived, leaving Beth with Bennetts in Pittsburgh
 - 30 -- Donna left to ready things at home for Fred's return.
 Sarah insisted on staying with us.
- Dec 3 --J&J to Va Beach taking Sarah. Joined Rod, Mona, DeeAnne, Aunt Marie, ABTs, S&K at Ramada Inn. Miss Liz, Mark.
 - 4 --Welcome Home for Fred and Kidd! Lunch at FAP home; dinner at Bennigans minus F&D
 - 5 --All met for breakfast at restaurant; toured ship; lunch at Burger King; S&K left; Army-Navy game (Navy lost); all to dinner at Phillips Waterside
 - 6 -- J&J to church at St. Bride's with all FAPs, then home
 - 7-8 -- Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Washington
 - 8 --Steve happy to return to Tech, taking one class 3x week and teaching a freshman computer lab
 - 9-16(?)Mother in Jefferson Memorial with pneumonia
 - 10-14--Judy in VA Beach babysitting; F&D to Chincoteague for her birthday and their 7th anniversary
 - 15 -- Overnight with Fellows for get-together with Crouters, Gravesons, Findleys, Zimmers
 - 17 -- Judy went on sulfa and decongestant for sinus; such recurrent problems
 - 22 -- J&J joined ABTs at Quality Suites in Williamsburg
 - 24 --Left Wmsburg mid-afternoon for Annapolis; midnight service at St. Margaret's
- CHRISTMAS--Timm & Kathleen Anderson joined for dinner and pleasant afternoon/evening of snacks, drinks, games, chat, VCRs
 - 26 --Left Annapolis, picked up Mimi for visit here
 - 28 -- Jack & Mimi to NoVa, running from winter storm that failed to develop
 - 31 --Quiet NY Eve at home; relaxing, loving, refreshing

For obvious reasons '87 held almost no work on house or yard. As junior and senior wardens of St. Andrew's in the absence of a rector, Judy and Sharon had a lot to keep up with. This is the year I later came to call "'87 --close to heaven", not because it held heavenly experiences, but because so many of my dear ones did indeed have a close brush with heaven.

1988

- Jan 1-3 --Steve and Karen visited
 - 6 -- 0 degrees with wind chill to -35
 - 7-8 --6" snow
 - 15-17--Fred, Donna, girls visited; Jack's 61st
 - 16 --Kenny Taylor married Kristy Olsen
 - 21 --Frank Waton's surgery for bowel cancer; OK
 - 25 --4-5" snow
- Feb l --high near 70
 - 12-14--Donna and girls visited; Fred in Caribbean
 - 22-29--Elizabeth and Mark visited en route Ft. Bliss to Belvoir
 - 23-24--Donna and girls here
- Mar 4 --Elizabeth & Mark moved into quarters at Ft. Belvoir;
 Mark in engineers school, Elizabeth working for architect (We saw very little of them through the summer.)
 - 11 --Kenny's Kristy died in his arms after long bout with brain tumor
 - 18-20--All kids here for weekend; first time in years they've all lived in the same state
- Apr 21-26--Judy babysat in VA Beach; Donna met Kidd in NY City 27 --Joe Rosskamp died
- May 12-27--In Europe! Itinerary attached...
- Jun 3-6 -- FAPs visited; Mark & Damon Rogers w/children spent a day
 - 11-12--Stones & Atkinsons overnight; craft show
 - 21 --record heat of 98
 - 25-26--Sue and Harry overnight, to OOH, church, club
- Jul-----A month of record breaking heat and drought through U.S.
 - 1 --Fred deep selected for LCDR
 - 3 --USS Vincennes, under attack on surface, shot down Iranian airliner with 290 aboard
 - 4-11 -- Sarah stayed with us
 - 11-13--Judy to Va Beach with Sarah
 - 10 --102 degrees
 - 16 -- 105 degrees, hottest day in 52 years; Thumbs here
 - 22-25--Visited S&K in Forest, then to VaBeach to bring Beth home with us for Donna's move to Phila PA; Fred deployed
- Aug 2-4 -- Judy to Phila with Beth; arrived on heels of movers; a tough move with problems in quarters; settling in for Kidd's overhaul; very hot, a.c. not working
 - 5-7 -- Jack brought Mimi for visit; ABTs & Elizabeth visited
 - 11 --Donna, DeeAnne and girls arrived
 - 12 -- Fred arrived; DeeAnne left
 - 13 -- F&D to Mark Rogers' birthday party and overnight
 - 14 -- Jack and fellow employe drove to Norfolk w/Fred for ride on Kidd to Phila Shipyard
 - 15 -- Donna, Judy & girls drove to Phila; temps 100+; hottest

MAY 1988 EUROPE

Thu 12 -- Depart Dulles 6 p.m. for Frankfurt Fri 13 -- Arrive Frankfurt, train to Heidelburg, lunch with Larry King, to their house, unpack, rest, dinner there. Sat 14 -- Sightseeing; lunch outdoors at Hirschorn Castle on Neckar River, very warm. Dinner at Dilsberg Castle with the German-American Economy Wives Club. See Heidelberg Schloss by moonlight. Sun 15 -- Church at 130th Station Hospital Chapel, All Saints' Episcopal service. Driving, looking, walk the Hauptstrasse. Dinner at a little restaurant near Kings'. Their dog, Claire, went there with us as well as to Hirschorn. Mon 16 -- Larry & Sue working. We make abortive attempt to see H'burg Schloss. Join Larry for lunch at Zum Linden. Train to Mannheim, Freiburg, Basel, Neuchatel, Lausanne, Geneva, Lyon, Valence, Avignon, Nimes, Carcassonne, Toulouse, Lourdes, Biarritz, Hendaye, Irun - some of those at night. Travelling in compartment. Tue 17 -- Train slow, no diner, flat country. 4-5 hour wait in Irun, dirty, armed guards because of Basque terrorists, pleasant older Spanish couple for conversation, exhorbitant prices for poor snacks in station. Left Irun in afternoon, comfortable in compartment and seeing appealing countryside. Via Burgos, Salamanca, Fuente, Fatima. Filthy! Little help or info in Wed 18 -- Arrive Lisbon 9:30 a.m. train station, worse at ferry. Four-hour wait with a little walk around government plaza. Ferry to Barreiro and train to Faro. Arnett and Mibby met us. Dinner at their Four Seasons condo, gorgeous! Attractive, appealing countryside en route - cork trees. Thu 19 -- Beautiful weather. Wandering, relaxing, seeing our first topless women at the pool. Lunch at Julia's beach restaurant. Fri 20 -- To Almansil, coastal route #60W, to Portemao, Lagos, Cape St. Vincent, Sagres, school of Prince Henry the Navigator, north into the mountains, Monchique, Fora (highest point in Algarve), back through Silva, dinner in Almansil. Sat 21 -- Loafing at the pool, beach, relaxing. Dinner at very odd English restaurant at Ste. Barbara de Nexus Sun 22 -- All had to leave. Some chaos in packing, closing out, us trying to get reservations in Lisbon. Lunch at pool. ABTs take us to station at Loule. Arrive Lisbon about 6 p.m. and stay at Flamingo Hotel, dinner at Antonio's Mon 23 -- Walk part of busy, crowded Lisbon. Drive for a couple of hours with a guide and want to see more. Some charming areas. Impressed by the plaza, monument to Prince Henry and the Discoverers. Catch train, share overnight compartment with great silent Fatso. Tue 24 -- Quite uncomfortable night. Change in Hendaye to super new fast train to Paris, for the first time in a chair car instead of compartment or sleeper. Route includes Bordeaux, Poitiers, Tours, Blois, Orleans - beautiful country! Such history!. Arrive Paris 7 p.m. at Auslitz and bus to Gare l'Est. Pleasant wait in station eating and people watching. Lucky getting a sleeper to Frankfurt. Wed 25 -- Arrive Frankfurt 7:15 a.m. Back to cleanliness! Breakfast at the station, hang around, bus tour of the city. Lunch at Apelwein Haus. Finagle with military lodging at Ambassador Arms

with food, room (wall beds) and service pretty poor.

1988 EUROPE (cont)

Thu 26 -- To Rhein-Main AFB for services, arrange lodging etc. Room assignment at Europe Hotel, all services excellent. Hot weather ! Rhine tour by bus and boat. Meet retired USN flyer Mickey and wife Irene Braun.

Fri 27 -- Lunch and shopping at Frankfurt airport and hang out with Brauns. Fly PanAm to Dulles arriving 5 p.m. of Memorial Day weekend. Bring Brauns home for overnight en route Delaware.

- Aug 15(cont)summer in 58 years. As of today 47 days 90 and above
 - 16 -- Kidd arrived from Norfolk; Jack, ? and I drove home
 - 19 -- Mark finished school at Belvoir
 - 20-21--Elizabeth and Mark visited
 - 22-24--Steve had written prelim exams for PhD
 - 24-25--Had Olga Jacobs from Vinson Hall overnight to visit Mother in Jeffersonian. She was such a good friend.
 - 26 --Elizabeth ended job
 - 30 -- Bought Plymouth Vista mini van
- ----End of Iran-Iraq 8-year war some time in here-----
- Sep 9-10 -- Episcopal Renewal program at Washington Cathedral; with Rileys, Shields, Watsons; overnight with Ws
 - 16-18--Youngsters all at Home Port for "sibling reunion" while we went to Dublin VA for Cindy Graveson's wedding. Met S&K in Harrisonburg for lunch as they and we headed home
 - 20 -- Mark left for duty in Mannheim, Germany; E. o'nite w/us
 - 26-27--Elizabeth here
- Oct 2 --Betty Woods' funeral
 - 6-8 --Elizabeth here
 - 16-17--Judy at Belvoir with Elizabeth
 - 17-19--Elizabeth at Home Port
 - 21 --Mother two years in Jeffersonian
 - 21-23--J&J sailing with ABTs; E. in Phila with Fred & Donna
 - 25 --E's last day in U.S. Judy met her after check out of quarters; visited Mimi; joined Jack for lunch and Metro to the "new" Union Station; to Dulles where Fred joined us from seminar in Columbia MD; saw E. off to Germany and quarters in Patrick Henry Village, Heidelburg; dinner with Fred at Marriott
 - 26 --Started all-out work at rectory (Judy in charge as junior warden) preparing for Ed & Marty Bushong
- Nov 1 --Mark made Captain. Mimi moved into Woodbine Nursing Center, Alexandria, from Woodland Hills, Arlington. It took Jack and Sue a month to settle affairs and clean out her apartment.
 - 4-6 -- Fred, Donna, girls visited
 - 8 --George Bush and Dan Quayle elected president, vice pres.
 - 9 -- Jack's sigmoidscope; all clear
 - 11 -- Magarifujis and cousins visit briefly
 - 13 --Farewell lunch for Wes Smith, interim rector. Judy left after for Columbia SC, spent night in Staunton.
 - 14-19--In Columbia stayed at Episcopal Home, Still Hopes, with Nancy McIntosh Pearlstine; worked at archives and Caroliniana Library. Time with Jack Davis.
 - 18 --Bushong family arrived at St. Andrew's
 - 19-21--Judy in Summerville with Buells. Returned home to find land being cleared for house next door.
 - 23 -- Jack, Mimi, S&K arrived for Thanksgiving on 24th (This was Mimi's last visit to us as she had a middle of night

- Nov 23(cont)fall and attendant problems and we felt we couldn't take further chances away from her doctor.)
 - 25 -- Jack took Mimi back. Steve and Karen flew to Paducah to interview with Westvaco
 - 26-27--Steve and Karen back at Home Port
 - 30 --Judy to Phila and back, bringing girls to visit through Army-Navy game weekend and F&D's party, staying till 6th
- Dec 1 -- Jack moved in with John Myrah, Vienna, for overnights working at SPA, lacking Mimi's apartment to stay in.
 - 3-4 -- All Kelleys here for kids' OOH play, Harpers Ferry Olde Tyme Christmas. Loren went back after play Sat. night
 - 5-6 -- Donna here to take girls home
 - 7 ——Armenian earthquake; 25-50,000 dead
 - 9 --J&J to Country Inn, Berkeley Springs, overnight for TROA dinner and Judy's 60th
 - 10 -- Joyce Lilly died in Florida
 - 20 -- ABTs joined for Mother's 90th at Jeffersonian; pitiful
 - 21 --PanAm crash in Scotland with 259 on board plus 12 or so on ground; terrorist bomb in retaliation for Vincennes attack on airliner?
 - 22-27--In Phila for Christmas stayed nights except Christmas Eve at Navy Lodge. I had bad sinus siege. Came home to our tree toppled on floor and many old ornaments smashed
 - 30 -- Vivian Kilpatrick found dead in her home
 - 31 -- To Forest to visit S&K till Jan. 3. Their neighbors, Patrick & Lisa, her mother, and little Caroline over early for visit; all in bed by 11

Thank God for a better year than 1987! Steve's cancer check-ups are all clear. Jack doing well except for disgetive discomfort and tiring. Judy's sinus condition worsening and trouble with knees started about August. Noteworthy national news included scandals among televangelists.

- Jan 3 -- End visit in Forest with S&K. Met ABTs and Ken at Golden Corral in Charles Town on our return
 - 7 -- Saw ABTs, Ken, Findleys at Dulles Marriott for Ken's departure
 - 9 -- Becky off her feed, distended side, urinating.
 - *10 --Becky's surgery; metastasized cancer of the spleen.

 No hope. And just before she got sick we had such a
 memorable "buddy" time playing in the snow, chasing
 sticks while I carried in wood.
 - +11 --Becky put to sleep in our arms, aged 10 years 2 months End of an era as we will not get another dog.
 - 20 -- Inauguration of Pres. Bush and his "kinder, gentler" administration. We went to Pittsburgh till 22nd for Jack to lead Dean Kellerhouse's vestry conference.
 - 27-29--FAPs visited, Beth stayed on. Very mild month. Snow-drops blooming.
- Feb 3 -- Took Beth to Phila and I returned
 - 4-5 -- Steve & Karen visited, their last here from Forest before moving to Paducah
 - 6 -- Mark took command of Company D, 5/77 Armor, Mannheim
 - 11 -- Thumbs to Bavarian Inn and overnight here
 - 20 -- Jack had sonogram and upper GI OK
 - 24-25--Jack to Diocesan convention
 - 26 -- Jack to emergency room pleuritis?
 - 28- -- Judy to All Saints Convent with Holy Comforter ECW
- Mar 2 --Judy home from retreat
 - 3-5 -- F, D, girls visited. Swope put to sleep and buried here, feline leukemia. So much pet-sadness.
 - 8-18 --Kept Tasha for Gravesons
 - 20 -- Picked up Sarah in Phila for extra visit
 - 23 -- F, D, Beth came for Easter weekend; F&D had overnight in Gettysburg
 - 27 -- FAPs left; temps in 80s
 - 28 --87 degrees
- Apr 3 -- Elizabeth to work for Public Information at USAREUR
 - 11 -- ABTs to Scotland
 - 19 -- J&J to Germany on Lufthansa; terrible sinus on plane
 - 20 -- Mark met us in Frankfurt; E. started vacation after work
 - 21 --Army hospital for sinus meds. We four drove to Berchtesgaden and the Gen. Walker Hotel
 - 22 --Mark showed us such lovely countryside where he'd been as youngster with his parents
 - 23 --Mark ailing. J,J,E to town touristing. J&J to Salzburg
 Austria. Great old castle. Wonderful food everywhere.
 - 24 --All to Koenigsee, boat on lake, glorious mountain scenes J,J,E on salt mine tour.
 - 25 --Leave early & quickly for H'burg. Mark called back to work. J&J check into quarters very poor! at Mark Twain Village near USAREUR. Judy badly sprained ankle.

10 January 1989

Becky's gone and her footprints are still frozen in the snow - and in my heart. I see her in her favorite "duty stations" about the house, perking her ears, lifting her head, as I go through the room. These images of the mind are so sharp - and painful - now, and they will fade and I will miss them.

I hear her "wruff" at real or imagined noises outdoors. I hear her imperative bark to come in. I hear the bell jingle as she noses it to go outdoors. I hear bumps and thuds as she sends Portia to another place. I expect her tail-chasing frenzy to follow each ring of the telephone. I miss her when I'm on the john and she's not head-first into the corner in her perfect position for a rump scratching. I don't want to move her rawhide, so well-chewed in the three days from its purchase to going to the vet - or her food dish - or her own canvas bag to be packed for kennel visits - or vacuum the Subaru ("her" car) - just in case...

I say "Hello, Becky-boo" when I come home from an absence, because it's too silent and empty without that greeting. I have to grieve privately because people-grief and pain are so prevalent that others can scarce hear my grief - "wasted"? - on a dog.

What an empty big bed! Empty of Jack so many nights anyhow, and now empty of that weight against my legs and atop my ankles and feet. It was her only version of "cuddling" and I'd come to cherish and be possessed by it.

I failed her so often when she wanted exercise or attention, and she accepted rebuff with dignity, not lowering herself to beg or sulk. There is a special reprieve in knowing that only three or four days before going to the vet we did our last mission of filling the wood rack together and I threw a stick for her (her favorite rocks were under snow and frozen to the ground) as many times as she wanted, and her joy and energy gave no presentiment that an ugly process was working within her.

There came decisions to be made within 24 hours. Decisions for her comfort and ours. Decisions that may credit God's beautiful brute creatures with too much prescient knowledge. Sentimental decisions. Pragmatic and practical decisions. Decisions based on a craving for Becky's own reassurance of lasting trust and devotion. Decisions based on our need to assure her of our love and our thanksgiving for her love and loyalty. Decisions based on mankind's need and futile search for ultimate fulfillment and bonding.

Physical presence of a living thing can become a habit even when not nurtured by devotion or any feeling. I've known a very real sense of loss when our planted Christmas tree died. I had failed it more than it had failed me. The habit of Becky lasted with love for 10 years. It was on Jan. 6, Epiphany 1979, that we brought her home, and it was on Jan. 6, Epiphany, 1989, that her disinterest in eating became a reality and not a one-time thing. And on Jan. 9 we went to the vet, expecting a diagnosis of bladder or urinary infection or something equally easily treatable. Hemangio sarcoma? Cancer of the spleen? No hope? "We*ll check it out, but...."

I can hear the children now, voicing with their too immature wisdom and practical seriousness that "The folks will miss her, but are really better off

this way." Well, every ledger has its debits and credits and "better off" can be relative. Perhaps we're also "Better off" without so many fragile Christmas ornaments cluttering us Up.* The powerful and frightening symbolism of loss in life's changes is very real to me at this time.

Coming home from our first Christmas ever in the home of one of our children and finding our own tree toppled among broken ornaments, some older than I, said to me clearly "This place and these customs are no longer a center of family life." The loss of Becky in these "later years" when we know we probably shall not give our hearts and time to another dog says to me, by a still-loving God, "I am removing from you the things you have possessed and been possessed by. There will be fewer and fewer parties to our Life Contract until it comes down to only two principals, you and Me."

Yes, we will have more freedom, Freedom to come and go in spontaneity since Portia can be quite self-sufficient for a couple of nights. Freedom from it mattering whether we come home or not. Freedom from vet's and kennel bills. Freedom from allergies - Becky's and perhaps mine too. All freedom is bought with a price and some of the cost here is giving up the warmth and eager expression of unconditional love that is given unashamedly by a dog and with such reservation by those persons dearest to us. Another cost is acknowledging the close of an era when Christmas trees and dogs were in the heartbeat of family life. This "good-bye" is to Becky the Individual, very difficult and very dear, and to all Dogs Prisley in these barren years.

Pepsi lies among the roots of our flourishing first-Christmas-tree-on-the-mountain, and I shall seek as worthy a place for Becky's ashes. She is too much the image of Faithfulness, Loyalty, Devotion and Trust to be consigned to garbage.

I've re-read Kipling's "The Power of a Dog" and am affirmed in having given my heart to dogs - Looey, Pepsi, Becky - to tear. I shall go back some day soon to C. S. Lewis' "The Last Battle", and trust that the God who loves me also loves the creatures he has given, and that for Becky there is a Place of warming sunshine, cooling shade, lots of rubs and scratches on her rump (or else a rump that doesn't need such!), toothsome rocks and soft earth to bury them in.

This outpouring, purging, grieving welled up shortly before the time Becky was to go into surgery at Great Falls with the caring and competent Dr. Henshaw. How unexpected was yesterday's dire prognosis: Yet somehow I believe I had "heard the owl call her name" and wondered if Becky would end her life by some means or other in this year. I had flashes today of hoping - believing - that a curable condition would be surgery's surprise, but I still knew that if this wasn't the end, it would be close to it. Dr. H's call came about the top of this page and Becky survived surgery and it is splenic cancer and we will tell her goodbye tomorrow.

* That is a knowingly unjust allusion to the kids reactions to the Christmas tree disaster, as Fred, Donna and Karen were all solicitous in a warm and sincere way.

A week ago today I took Becky to the vet, not expecting any life-threatening problem - and she never came home. The foregoing outpouring (10 January) was written mostly as if she were already gone from our life, because I knew she in effect was. The days in between were woefully emotional here for me in an empty house, and very similar for Jack in his different surroundings at the office.

Wednesday lith was his day off and our appointment with Becky was at 11:15. We did life's routine things of leaving off the Plymouth in Leesburg for check-up, doing errands etc., with a dread of what we were going to, and a stark disbelief.

At the vet's we were prepared to see Becky prostrate and weak and were almost pained by her good spirits and energy and effusive, loving welcome to us, "come to take her home". Dr. Henshaw acknowledged surprise at her bounce back from serious shock during surgery and only having gotten on her legs a few hours before. I had a resurgence of hope that she was well enough to come home for awhile at least, but her continuing loss of blood and anemia, counted her time in brief and waning days. We conscientiously made our voices and pats cheerful and welcoming and "normal", telling her repeatedly what a good girl she was.

With Jack and me seated in chairs*, he at her head and her rump backed against my feet, Dr. H. and his assistant injected her left front leg. She fought it, yet we believe she fought only as she does any restraint and injection at the vet's, and we were talking and patting throughout. It was over in less than a minute as she sank slowly down with no make fighting or spasms.

* Afterwards I said to Jack that the only thing I would have changed in what seemed a time of unexpected peace and serenity would have been to sit on the floor to be even closer to her, and he correctly noted that she didn't like us to be on the floor beside her, and would squirm away from such tick-checks or attempted love pats. She will be cremated and we will bury her here at Home Port, as Pepsi's ashes are among the roots of our first Christmas tree here.

By now the racking emotion is over and I rather wish I'd written this as I meant to while still in the throes of such anguish. Blessed are those people among us who have known the love of animals and have sympathized deeply and sincerely.

Blessed is Jack's and my relationship that he grieves no less than I and we are free to share and understand the random waves of missing that roll over us. For the first nights I was reluctant to feed Portia without Becky there, so eager for her dinner. I chopped carrots for soup and she wasn't there begging one. I went in and out of doors for bird feeders and newspaper and she wasn't there to shove past me in hopeful eagerness for adventure and play. I still miss her at my feet in bed, and by the table at meals, and with an eager welcome when I come home. On the 13th I vacuumed the house of great amounts of dog hair, and cleaned under appliances, and hated it all with the feeling that I was meanly ridding my life of her, and that implied that she was a "bad dog" to have left such traces. That was surprisingly bad feeling! I reluctantly moved her water dish and put Portia's food on the floor, for the first time a cat in our house has ever eaten on the floor. (I still haven t removed her door bell, and like hearing it as someone bumps into it.) I miss her being alert to my getting dressed as she usually knew by what I put on whether I'd be home or going out, and possibly working outdoors. For days I heard her woofing to come in, or chasing her tail when the phone rang. Habits are so powerful:

I wrote the children on Tuesday, the day of her surgery, that it was not only the end of Becky, but the end of an era in that we probably would never get another dog. What a warm caring Fred and Donna showed in calling their sympathy to offer commitment to take over any dog (except a doberman!) that we might choose to get as time goes on. Steve's call was full of understanding too, and Karen had called him at the office, telling him of the letter.

Part of the reason I write this is that Jack and I both noted a blank gap in our final memories of Pepsi, a gap so soon filled by getting Becky, and a gap that we don't want to lose in forgetfulness about Becky.

I had "daymares" for about 24 hours, panic thoughts that I had made a wrong decision, that Becky would be OK and I should call the vet and stop everything—this after she was already gone. Except for that, we both do feel we made the right decision at the right time. We're so thankful that it was all a known situation: that Becky didn't disappear into the woods (as my childhood Perro did) with us searching and wondering and aching for what might be; that she was able until the last to climb on the bed and into the car, unlike Pepsi as she failed. The day of her Final Fatal Shot I bought the Narnia series (which I have long wanted anyhow) and that night read The Final Battle of the remaining humans, folk of Narnia, unicorn, Talking Dogs etc. seeing the end of their land as they knew it, and "going further up and further in" to Aslan's land. I'm so grateful for C. S. Lewis' theology on animals.

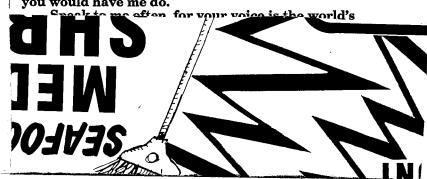
A difficult encounter was with a very loving, playful and apparently healthy mutt puppy that has taken up down the hill with a family that can't keep it, and yesterday it spent time here, barking at our door, playing and cuddling and welcoming when we went out... "We can't! We won't! Should we? What if..?" Jack prays for wisdom and guidance in a decision and I pray that the decision will be removed from us by the pup going to a good home.

I've been very pragmatic and unemotional in recounting this, but feeling for Becky and our years with her and her gift of devotion to us lies very deep within me. Ed's sermon yesterday helped my mind veer toward seeing joy in life through circumstances and I do see joy in God's creation of a dog's faithfulness to man, of the good memories, of our fun with her, and yes, our sacrifices of time and attention for her too. At the risk of shudders from Robert Browning of my taking his feelings in expression for my dog, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never have loved at all."

A DOG'S PRAYER by Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.



- Apr 26 -- J&J four hours at hospital for ankle; quiet day.
 - 27 -- J, J, E on tour of H'burg Schloss (finally!) and to Schwetzingen Gardens gorgeous! J&J move to Kings'.
 - 28 --J,J,E to Baden Baden for her French visa; to Mannheim for their car after three months of repairs following accident; then to Strasburg, France, with Larry, Sue, Claire-dog, Elizabeth, for rowdy, fun, interesting, loving time
 - 29 -- Tour old Strasburg, cathedral. Baths at Baden Baden divine! J, J, E and Sue on dungeon tour of H'burg Schloss
 - 30 -- Church, lunch, nap, walk, easy day with Kings
- May 1 -- Errands and Neckar cruise with E; we stay at Kings'
 - 2 --J,J,E to Rothenburg o.d. Tauber; best touristing yet perhaps. Overnight w/Kings; met Darrell and Mary Ann Parkes from Holy Comforter also visiting Ks; knew Richard Coupe well.
 - 3 --E. at office seminar. We had time w/Parkes. Rest, laundry, with E. to O. Club for pizza
 - 4 --By train w/E to Cologne for day. Kings had us w/Mark to cookout dinner.
 - 5 --We left Kings to make way for next guests. Moved to quarters at PHV (very nice!). Errands, shopping, took M&E to dinner; saw his tank trainer in Mannheim
 - 6 --With E. all day on Rhine cruise
 - 7 --Chapel w/M,E, then to Frankfurt for flight home. A fine visit with my taped, swollen ankle being little impediment. Mark had little time with us as his company was on alert for six weeks. Tom Beasley house sat for us and stayed on till late-ish June not the most pleasant experience.
 - 13 --Steve & Karen's news of "Otis"!
 - 20 -- Overnight with Watsons, Jack and Virginia at separate conferences
 - 21 --Larry & Sue home for Kevin's graduation from med school; party at their house in Vienna
 - 22 --David Shields died of melanoma diagnosed less than six months ago. We visited him in hospital less than 24 hours before his death. What spirit!
 - 25-30--To Paducah, overnight in Roanoke on way out. Straight through 12 hours 45 minutes coming home. KY Dam craft show, see countryside, Westvaco office, Ft. Defiance, Indiana Jones movie w/S. K doing so well in pregnancy!
- Jun 5-8 -- Judy to Phila for Donna's oral surgery
 - 10 --Our 35th; Antietam and countryside; dinner at Club
 - 27 --96 degrees
- Jul 1 --Virginia and I gave brunch at her house before Laura Riley's wedding
 - 3 -- Thumbs here including Kings; fireworks at Club; Kings and Watsons overnight

- Jul 5 -- Mary Ann visited overnight
 - 10 --Picked up Sarah, Beth and kittens in Phila
 - 14 -- F&D arrived; moved out of quarters, detached from Kidd
 - 15 -- Mark & Damon Rogers w/Matt came for overnight
 - 19 --Sarah had CT scan for headaches; nothing noted; Beth's 3rd birthday and Mickey Mouse cake
 - 20 -- F, D, girls to KY and TN till 26th
 - 29 --F,D,girls, us for wild day visiting Mimi and celebrating Sarah's birthday early at Kelleys' w/Cinderella cake
 - 31 --FAPs to Newport RI for Jr War College
- Aug l --F put on LCDR stripe; youngest in his class. Towners visited.
 - 15-18--Readied MCC for pre-school. Constantly bad sinus and antibiotics
 - 19 -- Fred and Dennis here overnight for furniture
- Sep 22 --Hurricane Hugo through SC on George Buell's 89th birthday; terrible personal and industrial devastation
 - 25 -- Steve's oral defense of PhD dissertation
 - 30 -- Day sail and overnight in Annapolis; bad sinus
- Oct 3 -- Steve's cancer checkup at Duke looking good!
 - 13-16--To Newport to visit FAPs and attend launching of Trident sub USS West Virginia in Groton CT. Such mild weather!
 - 17 -- 7.0 earthquake in San Francisco and Santa Cruz. Robin & Ken OK. 50 or so fatalities on thru-way
 - 21 -- Mother three years in Jeffersonian
 - 25 -- Judy's sinus surgery by Dr. Karen Hermansen and two days in Reston Hospital; home 27th
- Nov 4 --Roy & Claudine Bacon (he's a distant cousin met through genealogy research) visited for day from Bartlesville OK Judy not feeling real well
 - 5 -- Judy to KY 8:15 a.m. 6 p.m. to Mary Ann & Jim's
 - 9 -- Jack arrived Lexington by air; Bud visited for dinner and evening from Cincinnati
 - 10-13--J&J drove to Paducah; pleasant easy trip. Judy still not feeling top-notch. All to movie and dinner for K's 30th. She looks, feels and acts so well in pregnancy.
 - 13 -- Jack flew home from Lexington; Judy settled in motel.
 - 16 -- Judy drove home 9-1/2 hours. New friendship with Mary Ann. Enjoyed lovely countryside together. Lots of hours on genealogy.
 - 18 -- Joanne Connolly Walczak visited w/Jeff, his son and daughter, Marcie and boyfriend
 - 22 --2-3" snow
 - 23 --T'giving peaceful day together, dinner at Bavarian Inn
- Dec 8 --3-4" snow
 - 9 -- Jack's office party & o'night at Marriott on my 61st 12&15--snow

fall of Berlin

- Dec 16 --Bought Subaru sedan; sold Honda direct in Leesburg; gave Subaru wagon via church to Donlons
 - 23 -- To Houston by US Air; 9 degrees there
- CHRISTMAS--With Rod, Mona, DeeAnne, Marie, Dennis, "Cat", Fred,
 Donna, girls, us. Great time. Christmas Eve Eucharist
 in glorious service with Fred at St. John the Divine.
 Record breaking cold, frozen pipes etc in Houston.
 - 26 -- Home by US Air. Nearing 70 degrees in Houston. Snow and ice still abound at home.
 - 27 -- Tucker Stephen Prisley born at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, 6:25 p.m. Central time; 6#14oz, 21"
 - 30 --Drove to Buck Hill Falls PA to join Arnett, Mibby, Robin and Kenny for lovely time together; much snow
 - 31 --Robin left w/friend. Pleasant NY Eve for us five with much to be thankful for -- Tucker, and Robin's announcement of marriage in the coming year to Pat White

In addition to Hurricane Hugo and the 'Frisco earthquake noted above, it was an incredible year nationally and internationally.

Early summer (?) there was a student revolt in Tianenmen Square, Beijing, seeking freedom, brutally suppressed by Chinese government.

In summer, an explosion on USS Iowa with loss of some 40 lives and continuing investigation laying possible blame on a suicidal sailor. Following was a cluster of more minor "accidents" that caused the Navy to shut down for 24 hours of safety inspections.

Poland was the first European country to strike for freedom after decades of Soviet oppression. The Communist Party broke up in the Solidarity Movement and free elections were held. That precipitated mass movement toward freedom in Iron Curtain countries. October (?) Hungary opened its border for East German travel to West Germany. Massive exodus resulted in toppling East German government. Hungary deposed Communist leadership and held free elections ending bondage to USSR since 1957-8.

The weekend of Nov. 11 (our visit to Paducah) the Berlin wall opened in peace and great celebration. Later Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia toppled Communist regime. Churches opened for the first time in decades. There was generally little violence and bloodshed except in Romania where harsh dictator Ceaucescue and wife were executed at Christmas time.

Dec. 20 U.S. troops invaded Panama after many months of peaceful efforts to depose dictator Manuel Noriega. "Free" elections had been held, but Noriega wouldn't relinquish power. There was bloodshed, rioting, looting. Panamanians acclaimed U.S. intervention while much of the world opposed it. Noriega sought refuge in the Vatican Embassy for many days till Jan. 3 '90 when he gave up and was brought in chains to Miami for trial, primarily as a drug lord. (As of Jan '92 legal process was still bogged down.)

1990

- Jan l --Home from weekend at Buck Hill Falls with ABTs, Robin, Ken. Jack Herrick died after long illness/emphysema
 - 6 -- Jack diagnosed with shingles on right arm and hand
 - 8 --4-6" snow
 - 9/16 -- Jack had experimental injections for shingles pain at Winchester pain clinic
 - 18 -- 69 degrees for a record high
 - 29 -- Karen had emergency appendectomy
 - ?? --Douglas Wilder inaugurated in Virginia as first elected black governor in US. DC Mayor Marion Barry finally arrested on drug charges in a sting operation
- Feb 2-5 -- To Paducah to meet Tucker since Jack's shingles blisters were drying. He had to wear long sleeves, white glove.
 - 7 --Judy's first sigmoidscope
 - 18-24--Donna & girls visited while Fred did papers, exams at War College. D. visited in DC. I took girls by train to Union Station, met D., went to Smithsonian, visited Mimi
- Mar l --J&J to KY and overnight with Mary Ann & Jim
 - 2-4 --To Paducah. Richard/Anne Coupe w/kids came to godparent Tucker at Grace Church on 4th. That afternoon I drove to KY Dam State Park for Elderhostel on genealogy. Jack flew home on 5th.
 - 10-15--Real warm! Overnight with SPPs, then to Louisville and Filson Club for three days. Overnight with Mary Ann and Jim. Drove home in 8-1/2 hours the 15th
 - 30-31--Jack to his first ECRF board meeting
- Apr 6-7 --snow
 - 8 -- Saw Edgren's production of "Methusaleh"
 - 13-17--Fred, Donna, girls for Easter
 - 27 --92-94 degrees at noon!
 - 28 --Thumbs in WV for house tour; picnic in Bolivar Heights; dinner at Redfield's, Martinsburg
- - 10-13--ABTs on MD Cursillo team
 - 22 -- D&C for fibroids
 - 24-29--J&J to Newport to stay with girls while F&D went to NY for a wedding. Dinner with Palmers & Art
- Jun l -- Jack and Terri Zaleski moved in next door
 - 15-18--Sailing with ABTs; visited with Stones
 - 21-22--Jack to Newport for F's graduation from War College; drove here with F&D; girls had gone w/DeeAnne to Houston
 - 27 -- F&D left to drive to Houston via Atlanta
 - 29-3 --J&J to Columbia for Nancy Pearlstine's 80th birthday party on 30th. To Jacksonville to see Fleet Landing. To Summerville to see Buells. Reform happening fast in Europe East & West Germany unify currency

- Aug 2 -- Iraq seized Kuwait
 - 3 --Sinusitis continues; now on cleosin. Fred was here 3-5th from Norfolk.
 - 16 --Portia was put to sleep, aged 17. She sickened slowly, not dramatically, but was definitely ailing and we faced too much travelling to be care-givers.
 - 23-27--We flew to St. Louis to "help" Donna, Mona & girls move into FAP home, 22 W. Van Buren St., Millstadt IL, while F. continues school in Norfolk. Rod arrived 24th; SPPs overnight 25/26; Bennetts left 26th; Sarah started first grade 27th, and we left for home.
- Sep 6-10 --We flew to California w/ABTs for Robin and Pat White's wedding and attendant festivities
 - 7 --Fred finished Join Staff College, drove to Millstadt for duty on TransCom Staff, Scott AFB, Belleville
- Oct 4-11 --J&J to Paducah to see SPPs and attend w/Steve the Keith Miller weekend at their church. Then on to FAPs
 - 19-21--J&J to Pittsburgh, joining Norm & Joan Walker for Requin being given to Carnegie Science Center
 - 21 -- Mother four years in Jeffersonian Nursing Home
 - ?? --Operation Desert Shield to effect Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. Thousands of US military, active and reserve, to Saudi
 - 22 --Malignant squamos cell Benson's sarcoma removed from calf of left leg by Dr. Alexandra Kazakis. Off feet for one month to max extent possible.
 - 28-30--Nell Herrick & daughter Peggy Campbell visited
- Nov 11 -- Charlie & Helen Williamson visited
 - 17 --Timothy Stephen Edgren born 3:40 a.m. our time, 9:40 a.m. their time in Heidelburg. 6#14oz, 19-1/2". We flew United to Frankfurt; met by Mark; visited at hospital within 24 hours of birth. E. home on 20th. We stayed first in guest quarters, then with Paul & Beryl Metko, OCSC missionaries in St. Leon
 - 22 --Bob Kabeary died nine weeks to the day after diagnosis with lung cancer, metastasized to brain
 - 30 -- J&J to Trier for 24 hour interesting but cold touristing
- Dec 1-2 --We flew home space available from Ramstein. Checked in at noon, ticketed at 3:50 for flight we boarded three times before finally departing at 1:30 a.m. in snow. Arrived Dover DE 3 a.m. local time, 9 a.m. body time. Waited six hours to get rental car to Vienna to get our car. Flew C-5 Galaxy huge!

- Dec 8 -- Jack's office party and overnight at Marriott
 - 9 --My 62nd; to The Falls Church and brunch w/Watsons
 22-30--Left home 22nd, overnight in Elizabethtown KY as weather
 - worsened. Arrived Paducah noonish 23rd in snow & ice.
 Very peaceful, hospitable days enjoying family. Children's afternoon service Christmas Eve. To Millstadt Wednesday 26th, weather worse. DeeAnne w/FAPs had missed
 flight to Houston 27th because of weather. We stayed at
 Catholic shrine motel. DeeAnne left 28th. On 29th we and
 FAPs in two cars had tedious, foggy, rainy drive to Paducah for Tucker's delayed first birthday celebration.
 FAPs stayed at motel, we at house. Sunday a.m. we left
 abruptly to escape approaching ice storm. FAPs had scary
 trip back Monday. We had rain all the way for 13-14 hour
 drive.
 - 31 --Quiet catch-up day in moderate weather and to bed with champagne before midnight.

Warmest year ever for Washington DC with average temp of 60.2

- Jan 3 -- Judy had sinus infection
 - 7 --7-8" snow
 - 9 --Mark left from his family's for Germany; roads here impassable, housebound
 - 10 --3" snow
 - 11 -- Jack brought Elizabeth, Timothy from Virginia
 - 12 --Congress gave go-ahead on Gulf war as Iraq ignored all warnings about getting out of Kuwait; USSR exerting force in Lithuania
 - 16 -- Jack's 64th. First combined air strike at Iraq.
 - 17 --Elizabeth, Timothy and I left for KY. Overnight en route in Frankfort. Very cold. All glued to news as war is under way.
 - 18-19--With SPPs in Paducah
 - 20-21--With FAPs in Millstadt
 - 22 -- Overnight at Teays Valley en route home
 - 28 -- We put Elizabeth, Timothy on plane at Dulles for Germany
- Feb 3 --Mild weather in 60s. First class postage went from 25c to 29c.
 - 5 --70 degrees
 - 8-10 -- Gravesons visited
 - 15 -- Had to buy new heat pump
 - 21 -- Moscow negotiating serious peace proposals with Iraq
 - 23 -- No go -- land war began.
 - 24-26--J&J to Orange, Spotsylvania counties with ABTs on genealogy search. Stayed in guest quarters at Camp A.P. Hill

Warmest winter since 1950. Judy maintained constant sinus infection through March.

- Apr 9 --Exterior house painting started.
 - 7-9 -- Record breaking heat in 80s
 - 10 -- Judy started 6-week WordPerfect class
 - 11 --Gulf War ended; Iraq signed peace plan. Incredibly low U.S. casualties. Terrible oil fires set by Iraqis on pulling out of Kuwait. Atrocity stories.
 - 17 -- Judy sprained left ankle.
 - 20 -- J&J to Paducah; overnight en route
 - 21-23--With Steve, Karen, Tucker
- 24-29--Stayed at FAPs in Millstadt while F&D went on Cursillo Judy's sinus infection continues. Has been almost constantly on augmentin, cipro, bactrim.
- May 4-5 --Visited Bob and Alice Crouter in Charlottesville where they've been since he had a heart transplant last Halloween. In great shape!
 - 10-12--J&J on Faith Alive in Salisbury MD
- Jun 2-4 -- Nancy McIntosh Pearlstine visited
 - 6 --Fred here overnight; had Navy business in Washington
 - 14-16--Capon Springs with Stones

- Jun 17 -- Jack had surgery on right thumb joint; Dr. Butler at Jefferson Hospital, Alexandria. Pre-op physical showed diabetes. Oh woe! Should be controllable by diet.
 - 18 -- Fran Buell died following a massive stroke on the 16th
 - 30 -- J&J to Manassas for Shaun Kelley's confirmation
- Jul 3 -- Mark's change of command in Mannheim
 - 4-7 -- Steve, Karen, Tucker here
 - 14-15--Helen Williamson here
 - 15 -- Bought and installed new computer
- Aug 5-11 -- Mark in U.S. preparatory to duty in Dayton; bought Isuzu Trooper; rented house in Dayton; spent much time here
 - 9 --Mother moved to double room in Jeffersonian and Arnett and I began process for Medicaid. She would be aghast.
 - 12 -- Judy to Germany via PanAm. Mark here both with Jack and alone through much time ahead.
 - 17-19--Timothy quite sick as E's move builds up pressure
 - 19 --Elizabeth's movers. Soviet military coup against Gorbachev and involving (?) Yeltsin, new president of Russia
 - 22 -- E, T, J flew home. Coup over and Gorby restored.
 - 23-25--Mark at Home Port from school at Hampton VA
 - 24 -- USSR Communist Party declared illegal
 - 26-30--Elizabeth and Timothy with Edgrens in VA
 - 28 --Plymouth towed to Leesburg
 - 29 -- Jim Edgren's retirement; Mark, Liz, Timothy, Jack there
 - 30 --MGEs at Home Port

Driest summer since 1930 -- dust bowl and depression days.

- Sep 2 --Mark drove to Dayton to report in ROTC staff at Univ.
 - 7-8 --J&J drove E,T and Stuart to Dayton and home next day

 - 12 --To Mayport; dinner out w/Rogers and overnight in VOQ
 - 13 --Visited Leyte Gulf w/Mark, CO; to Melbourne for T-boat reunion till 15th
 - 16-17--Visited Patti Kabeary in Niceville FL. Looong drive! She looked terrible. (Within month was diagnosed with inoperable, untreatable metastasized lung cancer.)
 - 18-21--Visited George Buell in Summerville and "helped" with things piled up since Fran's death. Home 22nd.
 - 27-29--J&J on Faith Alive in Paoli PA at Good Samaritan
- Oct 17-19--Sailing w/ABTs ending with loss of power, severe squall, dramatic experience, rescue by Andersons & friend
 - 21 --Mother's been in Jeffersonian five years
 - 25-27--Celebrated Watsons 50th anniversary at OCF with Rileys, Kings, Maturos, Davises, Jane Broadwater, Jane Brown
- Nov 17 -- Jack elected to vestry at St. Andrew's
 - 26 -- J&J to Dayton staying at Marriott Residence Inn

- Nov 28 --SPPs arrived Dayton Thanksgiving Day, stayed w/MGEs 30 --SPPs left. J&J left with E & T for Millstadt
- Dec l ---All to church w/FAPs. Fred a layreader. First time we saw him vested and serving since pony-tail days at Holy Comforter.
 - 2 --Left Millstadt; took E&T back to Dayton and continued directly home though dark and rainy. Overnight near Wheeling; terrible rain. Home 3rd.
 - 4 --Last American hostage of Palestinians released; Terry
 Anderson a prisoner nearly seven years
 - 7 --50th commemoration of attack on Pearl Harbor. ABTs there for his 70th birthday
 - 9 -- Record 71 degrees; Judy's 63rd, Jack working, Judy to Winchester mall loafing and wandering

With intent toward a new enjoyment of Christmas, Judy decorated, had a tree for the first time since 1988, used Christmas china. We joined some or all Thumbs and Maturos before Christmas at the Messiah at Constitution Hall, the usual program at Langley High by McLean BLible Church, delightful homes tour in Hillsboro. F&D called with loving and sentimental message remembering Mother's birthday and Gramps death on Christmas. We also did a treat for Mimi, taking her to Nordstrom's for a new dress, and out to lunch.

- 24 -- Jack and Terri Zaleski came for festive dinner, bringing oyster stew and dessert to add to roast and veggies; then all to midnight service
- CHRISTMAS--Up early-ish to organize, pack, breakfast, small gift time and went to Alexandria to visit Mimi, take her to a splendid buffet at Key Bridge Marriott and then on to Annapolis for overnight with ABTs.
 - 26-29--To Sandy Cove, North East MD, with ABTs for "relaxing" time. On 27th to Strasburg PA for Christian "Sight and Sound" show and touristing. Accident en route back to Sandy Cove. ABT Shaklee car totalled. Arnett two fractured ribs, Jack very sore ribs, Mibby sore neck and shoulders. Nearly four hours with accident reports and to hospital for x-rays etc. Blessed by Good Samaritans who waited through it all with us and took us back to Sandy Cove. 28th J&J spent in the room while ABTs managed body shop and rental car, and all out to dinner. 29th, church in North East at St. Mary Anne's. To Annapolis Yacht Club meeting Timm & Kathleen Anderson for brunch; J&J back home.
 - 31 --J&J quiet day/evening at home and early to bed with champagne

<u>January</u>

- 4 Steve and Micah from Paducah to Summerville SC to start work with Westvaco; a long desired transfer
- 9 Eliza Taylor White born to Robin and Pat
- 10 Hired a back hoe to locate our septic tank
- 13 Had the septic tank drained (though it didn't really need it after these 10 years!) and the entry top raised
- 15 Lunch in VA with Jack, Mimi, Elizabeth (visiting Edgrens) and she told us she is pregnant! Timothy is 14 months old.
- 16 Jack is 65. Social Security and Medicare kick in.
- 17 Elizabeth and Timothy arrived from Springfield visit.
- 21 Karen went to Summerville and Steve back to Paducah to manage packers and movers.
- 23 Mark arrived.
- 24 SPPs moved into #315 King Charles Cr. The MGEs left.
- 26 2-3" snow

February

- 12-13 Snow
 - 21 Valentine outing with Thumbs to "Ice House" in Herndon; an all-time low in location, then to Friendly's
 - 27 Quite a bad sinus infection for Judy. Don't take floxin again! It added to the problem. Cancelled weekend visit from Fellows and Gravesons.

March

- 2 Switched to ceftin antibiotic
- 3 Jack sick too. I went to Dr. Shields. Was the problem from the antibiotic or was it diverticulitis?
- 7-8 Jack on men's retreat with Frank Watson. On 8th Judy went to emergency room in early morning with abdominal pain and very bloody diarrhea. Probably diverticulitis? All better after several attacks during the night.
- 11 Snow
- 19 Patti Kabeary died of lung cancer 16 months after her husband's death of same. --- Elizabeth & Timothy came to visit --- snow and ice
- 24 Elizabeth & Timothy to Edgrens'
- 25 Mother ill with pneumonia; on oxygen; seems to know nothing
- 31 Tuesday: Mother died at 11:15 p.m, very peacefully I was told. She was 93 in December. She hadn't known me for so long. A release and relief, surely for her as well as us, but how does one set aside with a few words the death of a precious Mother who so loved us and sacrificed for us?

<u>April</u>

1 Beginning a strange, chaotic, loving, living interval!
Planned long ago, Jack Zaleski's friends, Paul and Cathy
Kennett arrived with toddler Alex, en route Spain-Hawaii.
Staying here would be so much more comfortable for them
than a motel and we didn't tell Zs or Ks of Mother's death
for over 24 hours. There was little we could do for Mother

- and serving <u>life</u> seemed the better choice than observing death. They planned to leave Friday 3rd and that would allow time to prepare for our family coming in that evening. BUT...
- 2 Jack was overnight in VA. We others had a pleasant evening here with Ks incredulous that we would have them stay. Soon after midnight Paul had a frightening attack which required the Zs to take him and Cathy to the hospital. I stayed home with wide awake Alex. Paul was admitted to ICU. (Initially thought to be heart attack; later reconciled as attack to vagus nerve.)
- 3 Cathy & Alex crowded in with Zs. FAPs arrived, having gone yesterday to pick up Elizabeth & Timothy in Dayton, but another frightening attack croup kept them home. Mark was away. Steve came by air.
- 4 Weeks ago Bud Taylor had set today for his first visit with us. He knew of Mother's death in time to join Phil, Darlene and children in Annandale instead; Mary Ann flew in, and they all arrived for lunch before the funeral. A small reception followed at the Community Center. Thumbs came; ABT friends from Annapolis; Loren & Susan. Further "coincidence" was that Robin & Eliza had arrived Friday for a medical convention, and so came with ABTs. Mother would so have loved having us all together, lacking only Elizabeth & Ken of her small immediate family.
- 5 Everyone left.
- 7-9 Robin & Eliza visited after her convention. A deeply bonding, loving time.
- 14-22 Jack & I travelling. 14-15 with Arklands in Hubert NC; 16-19 for Easter weekend with SPPs in their new home; 20-21 with George Buell.
 - 25 Jane Crouter's wedding in DC; reception at British Embassy; dinner out with Fellows, Gravesons; overnight with Gs; brunch Sunday at Fs
 - 29 MGEs arrived
 - 30 Riots in Los Angeles, aftermath of verdict freeing police in beating of Rodney King

<u>May</u>

- 1 Elizabeth & Mark to Ft. Story for weekend; we kept Timothy
- 4 Mark to Dayton; Elizabeth here
- 7 Elizabeth & Timothy to Edgrens in Springfield
- 8-16 Karen on western trip in Masters program
 - 10 MGEs came here to get Stuart the cat after Tim & Cathy's graduation at William & Mary

June

- 5 George Buell into infirmary for extended stay
- 12 Mark gone till about 23 July to Ft. Lewis WA, ROTC program
- 13-20 Steve in Montana
- 15-16 Fellows, Gravesons here, making up the cancelled Feb. visit
 - 16 Tommy Riley graduated from James Madison High School

- 17 Judy to Dayton to drive Elizabeth & Timothy back. Baby due in two months; uncomfortable pregnancy; house hot and uncomfortable; Mark away
- 18 Returned to Home Port with Elizabeth, Timothy
- 23-29 Elizabeth & Timothy to Edgrens
 - 29 Elizabeth joined us for ASW group farewell lunch for Jack and back to Home Port
 - 30 Elizabeth & Timothy with us for Jack's retirement ceremony, the first from SPA
- ----- From the 15th on, record breaking cool; too chilly for lake

July

- 4 First Fourth without Shannondale picnic & fireworks; budget problems
- 6 Jack & I drove Elizabeth & Timothy to Dayton; so hot and uncomfortable!
- 8 I started bactrim for sinus infection; seems best for me
- 14 Jack & I left Dayton for Millstadt; picked up Sarah & Beth moments after the movers left; overnight en route Home Port
- 17 Jack took girls to see Mimi; lunch with Kate & Norman Polmar. --- Fred detached from TransCom and they left for Summerville, seeing Elizabeth overnight
- 21 F & D moved into 107 Flicker Lane; girls restless here
- 23 Jack and I took girls to NoVa, shopping, see Mimi, Smithsonian
- 24 Fred arrived
- 25 Phil, Darlene, children here for chilly day at the pool; girl cousins having such fun
- 26 Fred, girls left for Summerville 27-29 Jack's first consulting with SPA
 - 30 SPPs arrive by air
 - 31 Donna and girls to Texas; F. started series of schools; Newport till Sep 11.
- ----- Third coldest July on record

<u>August</u>

- 3 SPPs to New York; back to Summerville on 9th
- 11 Judy to Dayton. Due date was yesterday. Possible complication with growth retardation syndrome
- 18 Elizabeth admitted for induced labor. Rebecca Anne born 9:19 p.m., 6#6oz
- 19 Jack arrived by MAC flight at Wright Patterson early a.m.
- 21 Elizabeth & Rebecca home
- 24 Hurricane Andrew devastated south Miami, Homestead area, went into Gulf, Louisiana; terrible damage. Military called in for months. Followed by hurricanes in Kuaiu, Guam
- 27 Jack and I back to Home Port from Dayton
- ?? Karen left for Duke; furnished apartment during Masters program; commuting to Summerville weekends

September

8-9 Helen and Charlie Williamson here

- 10-23 We went to Summerville. Fred went direct to Dam Neck from Newport. We stayed with Donna till 13th, then at Steve's, with Tucker, till 18th while S. was on business trip to Michigan. Tucker stayed in day care. 18th, back to Donna's to stay with girls while she spent the weekend with Fred till the 21st. Back to Steve's 21st & he was sick. Left S'ville afternoon of 22nd, overnight in Statesville, home 23rd. Not a relaxing time packing back and forth, squeezing in visits with George, back in cottage with full time care.
 - 25 Fred finished at Dam Neck

October

- 12-14 Jack & I to Orange County on genealogy. Quite a time! Saw three old old Taylor home places, met Helen Marie Taylor, Jeanne Detwiler
 - 23 Judy got new glasses; first change in about five years

November

- 3 Bill Clinton elected president; Al Gore vice president. Bush only third incumbent ever to lose. Ross Perot ran strange independent campaign. None worth voting for. Challenges ahead are staggering.
- 7 Montpelier steeplechase races with Kate Woodruff, Evan Farris. Hosted by Doug & Jeannie Detwiler.
- 9 Jack and I left on trip. 9th-10th in Gatlinburg. Cold!
- 11 Dinner with Jenni Means and children near Atlanta; Betty Means and children joined. Husbands travelling. Overnight with Betty and Kevin came home in time for some visiting.
- 12 Overnight with Nell Herrick, Atlanta
- 13 Visited the Ralph Falls in McDonough GA and overnight in Perry GA. Found the in-town ante-bellum home where I stayed with Mother & Dad, 1946, travelling on peach inspection
- 14 Overnight with Williamsons, Mt. Dora FL. Visited Eustis and was totally lost, disoriented
- 15 Overnight at Bowcock home (they were away) at Indian River Colony Club, Melbourne, visited Lacy & Frank Clifford
- 16 Overnight at Fleet Landing, Mayport. Williamsons joined us.
- 17 Overnight with Nancy McI. Pearlstine, Columbia.
- 18-19 At Steve's, visited George, Donna
- 20-22 At guest quarters at the Air Base
 - 21 Tecumseh decommissioning. Fred & Steve joined for ceremony; Arnett a speaker. Party of about 14 for lunch after. Evening with FAPs.
 - 22 Church at St. George's with Fred, Beth, ABTs. Lunch with ABTs and they headed home. Visited Steve after Karen left for Duke.
 - 23 Home!
 - 26 Thanksgiving with Mimi; briefly at Sue's with family; evening with Zs
 - 29 Elizabeth, Timothy, Rebecca came from Edgens. Mark back to Dayton for Masters work.
 - 30 Elizabeth to doctor and on antibiotic for bronchial/sinus

infections.

December

- 5 Elizabeth, Timothy, Rebecca with us to big farewell party in Manassas for Kelleys, moving to Raleigh NC
- 6 Mark flew into Andrews AFB; all but I met him; birthday dinner here
- 7 MGEs left for Dayton
- 8 New glasses corrected for distance --- joined ABTs at Steak and Ale, Vienna, for joint birthday dinner
- 9 Marines landed in Somalia on Operation Restore Hope to get food to starving thousands in anarchy of rival warlords; a country for two years without government and infrastructure
- 10 2-3" snow
- 11 4-6" snow; peculiar winter storm, brutal on coast and in New England
- 21 Mother's birthday....
- 23 MGEs arrived
- 24 MGEs to Harrisburg PA for Edgren family do; quiet here
- 25 CHRISTMAS! ABTs came about 1 for dinner. Remarkable lack of chaos. Not the most sparkling ever.
- 26 MGEs to Edgrens and show at Kennedy Center. Zs and new neighbors, Brewers, here for drinks. Jack stopped cat fight between Stuart and Ghost; much blood and pain on both hands. Later to emergency room for cleaning, tetanus, penicillin etc
- 28 Ice storm
- 29 MGEs left
- 31 Jack in NoVa for Mimi, SPA lunch; I shopping Winchester and Martinsburg sales. Left overs for supper. He reading, I cross stitching Rebecca's stocking -- but all right for the time and mood.
- ----- December the cloudiest month ever in Washington records; the coldest year since 1967

152 days of this year were spent travelling (every little all on our own), with quests/ganily here, or es with them! A lat of happy, proceed, alesoed hours, but also a need to nort ourselves out together.

January

New Years Eve was spent quietly at home

- 1 Brunch at Ruckers' with the "old gang" and many others
- 6-11 San Francisco: two days with Robin & family before ABTs arrived for Ken & Patricia's wedding on the 10th. Stayed at VOQ, Ft. Mason; Eliza's first birthday party; one evening with ABTs, Bert & Marj Findley.
 - 19 Goodbye pizza with Kelleys who move the 22nd to Raleigh
 - 20 Clinton inauguration; Gore VP; Hillary much in limelight; I will purpose to be positive & optimistic.
 - 23 Delightful day with Stones in Frederick & New Market
 - 25 Terrorist (?) shooting outside CIA; as of December gunman still at large

February

- 12 Martha Gillette to hospital from nursing home in Maui
- 15 Elizabeth here with Timothy & Rebecca; R soon sick; snow
- 21 3-4" snow
- 22 Snow; Elizabeth & I drive her car and mine 10 hours in bad weather to Dayton; Timothy with me, a charmer and delightful
- 23 I drive home; eight hours
- 25-26 Snow
 - 28 ATF raid on David Koresch Branch Davidians in Waco TX starts long and ultimately fatal standoff

March

- 3 Flooding begins in mid-West
- 5-7 Jack on The Falls Church men's retreat with Frank Watson
 - 8 We leave for Florida; overnight in Savannah
 - 9 Meet ABTs at Woodlawn Cemetery, Tampa, for burial of Mother's ashes in McIntosh family plot. Jim & Carole Towner drove from Ft. Meade to do a dear and simple service and we all did the burial. Taylors left for beach to meet Robin and Eliza. We to Ft. Meade to stay a night with Towners. Telephone chaos ensued with notice of Martha's death (having returned to the nursing home) and subsequent complications in arrangements.
 - 10 To Summerville; Karen finishing at Duke U. till 12th
- 13 Blizzard! Record breaker! Many places recorded lowest ever barometer reading, even during hurricane Hugo. In Summerville snow showers and terrible winds that required closing some highways. All East Coast hard hit. More than 200 deaths. Jack to emergency room with pinched nerve in back.
- 15 Leave Summerville after lunch; overnight in Rocky Mount NC
- 16 Arrive Charles Town; couldn't get to Home Port through snow; overnight in dreary motel; home next day.
- 23 Register at Falcons Landing! Our future settled we hope thanks greatly to Martha's inheritance.

<u>April</u>

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- 1-2 Jack on vestry retreat
 - 8 Judy & Mac Magarifuji overnight
 - 16 ABTs overnight and Orange County house tour next day
 - 19 Fire and many deaths ends 51 day standoff with Branch Davidians in Waco TX. Four ATF agents died initially; 80 cultists and kids died in fire.
 - 21 We leave for Florida; overnight Kenly NC

- 21-23 Stay at Jacksonville Beach for Mark Rogers change of command, leaving USS Leyte Gulf. Fred at sea; Donna and girls staying with her brother and sharing time with us; party at Rogers 24-25 R&R in Beaufort SC, at VOQ at Marine Air Station; home 26th May
 - 2 Ed Greene's first Sunday as priest at St. Andrew's
 - 6-9 Jack on Diocesan convention
 - 8 Jerry Martin gets my desk for refinishing
- 14-15 Jack on ECRF board meeting in NoVa
 - 16 Fred & DEYO to Liverpool for big Battle of the Atlantic celebration, then BaltOps. We say goodbye at party in NoVa for senior Edgrens, moving to Washington State
- 31 Take Ed Greene to Annapolis for Memorial Day with ABTs June
 - 10 Our 39th didn't go out
 - 11 To Dayton; stay at University guest quarters
 - 14 Leave Dayton; arrive Mary Ann & Jim's, Sadieville KY. Jim received notice of grant for photo project and MA of sale of her book while we were there!
 - 16 Leave Sadieville for Stanford KY and two nights with Norm & Joan Walker. Home the 18th.
- 30 Donna to Amsterdam to join Fred. Girls in Houston w/Bennetts July
 - 4-7 At Black Water Falls with Steve, Karen, Tucker; they in camper, we in lodge. Unusually warm weather for there.
 - 14 Elizabeth and babes to Seattle to Edgrens while Mark helps them start addition to house.
 - 16 Fred home from much lauded BaltOps & port visits
 - 18 Easy Arkland died of cancer
 - 26 Bill Stone's surgery on colon, prostate. Record flooding in midWest and nine states declared disaster areas; close to record heat in East; hottest month ever in Washington DC.

August

- 5 Elizabeth home from Seattle
- 6-8 FAPs here for Fred to make inquiries at Pentagon regarding next duty. Dan & Pam Murphy & kids, Mark & Damon Rogers here for a day. Power off 7 a.m. till 7 p.m.! Beth sick & to emergency room 7th & 8th. Asthma? Pneumonia?
 - 8 Fred & Jack leave for Summerville, and to sea on DEYO 10-12
 - 10 Donna, girls & I to Summerville; JPPs in motel 12-13
- 14 Jack returns to WV for consulting; I to FAPs where there's room while F's at sea.
- 18 I to SPPs
- 19 Steve & Karen to Seattle on job interview; Jack returns for Tucker-sitting; DEYO flunks OPEE
- 22 Steve & Karen home (later: were not offered jobs)
- 23 We get home! It's been a time of too much back and forth; too little peace. I have dentist appt, perm, and leave ...
- 26 to Dayton to "Nanny" while Elizabeth prepares for packers
- 28 Notice slight swelling, soreness on right side of nose
- 29 Swelling increases, red begins; restless, "spacy" night
 - 30 Elizabeth takes me to primary care clinic at Wright-Patter-

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son AFB; feel real bad; they send me home on antibiotic
31 Back to primary care feeling quite ill; admitted immediately to hospital. Diagnosis: "St. Anthony's Fire", erysipelas, facial cellulitis - it's a baaad strep/infection. And poor Elizabeth! I've already taken this much of her precious time and her packers come tomorrow. She is serene and loving. Jack arrives late on a MAC flight. E & kids into TLF; Jack stays with Mark at the house.

Midwest flooding second costliest natural disaster in US after hurricane Andrew last year. 20,000,000 acres farmland lot, 50 dead, 70,000 homeless

<u>September</u>

1 Jack moves into VOQ across from hospital; Edgren packers

2 Edgren movers; Mark goes to Ft. Monroe

3 Elizabeth & kids to Home Port waiting housing; Mark to Home Port for weekend

4 Sinus involvement diagnosed as cause of infection

6 Out on pass for dinner with Jack. Seventh IV site begun at 1700. It's been a week of excellent care; much attention to my "rare and peculiar" malady. Powerful antibiotic Nafsin (?) administered by pump 1 to 1-1/2 hours out of every four. Painful when it infiltrates veins. Requires frequent site changes, possible long range damage to veins.

7 Out! Home at 9:30 p.m. to E & kids. Feel bad, heavy meds.

13 Israeli-Palestinian peace talks re Gaza Strip & Jericho

16 E & kids to Ft. Monroe

23 Make our home site choice at Falcons Landing

25 We go to Kate Woodruff & Evan Farris' wedding near Luray 26-28 Charlie & Helen Williamson visit October

4-5 Jack to ECRF board meting

6 Ed Geene had mild heart attack. We list house for sale

8-9 Jack to AFIO meeting

15-17 Fenwick Island with Thumbs

18 Ken & Pat's John Patrick born; will be called Jack

26 Fred had oral surgery for bone graft

- 27-28 Falcons Landing w/Stones for photos; overnight at Landsdowne November
 - 6 Overnight w/ABTs; mananitas at Claggett; home for church
 - 10 Dustin Patrick born to Steve & Karen, 6:30 p.m., 7# 10 oz
 - 9-14 With Stones at Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, till 11th, then we to VOQ at Langley AFB

15 83 degrees broke records for season

- 25 Thanksgiving dinner with Mimi at nursing home; visit HCRs $\underline{\text{December}}$
- 8 Birthday w/ABTs at Mealey's, New Market MD; bought cape 11-12 MGEs arrive 2 a.m.; later in a.m. to friends in MD; kids stay w/us, real good; M&E back Sunday noon and to home

21-28 5-6" snow and we leave for Summerville. Motel & with FAPs

21-22. At SPPs 23-25. Motel, 26-27. Delight in meeting our newest grandchild, Dusty. Steve sick 24-25. Spend most of one day with George Buell. Drive home 28th with sleet & freezing rain, then snow. About 6" at home.

- 30 Israel & the Vatican implemented diplomatic relations after 2000 years of bitterness.
- 31 To a matinee with Sharon; home alone at night; Judy feeling bad; no celebration; to bed by 10.

What a year of commotion and emotion! And an "I liked the old way better" feeling. National ambivalence on homosexuals in the military, women in combat, Clinton's crazy health care, terrible crime rate and increase of juvenile crime, violence in Bosnia/Serbia, Somalia, Northern Ireland, South Africa.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS, DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

With the world in travail, beset by war, crime, poverty, cruelty, immorality, how can we, except by putting Christ in Christmas, thank God for what is past, find joy in our present and anticipate the future with hopeful trust?

This was a Year of Decision for us as we signed on with the first few prospective residents of Falcons' Landing, a military continuing care retirement community located roughly halfway between Vienna VA where we lived for eleven years, and Harpers Ferry where we've now been for twelve years. Construction is scheduled to start in Spring '94, with occupancy a goal of late '95. We find ourselves already eager! It will offer a lot of freedom from all these years as "Harry Homeowner". An early serendipity is that registering at the same time were Bill and Mary Jane Stone, Army friends from Manila in 1956-7, and Steve's godparents. They will be in the duplex-cottage-patio home next to us, and sharing our unit will be Barbara Carlin, widow of Jack's navigator on CUTLASS when Jack was exec in 1959-60. After years of Christmas card contact, we'll be neighbors again!

Our younger generation never leaves us without pleasure and adventure as the families grow and move. A highlight of the year was the birth to Steve and Karen of their second son. They are still (and permanently?) in Summerville SC. We will meet sixweek-old Dustin when we visit for Christmas.

It's been a blessing to all to have both sons and families in Summerville, but that is about to change. After barely sixteen months of being neighbors while Fred is executive officer of the destroyer DEYO in Charleston, he and Donna with their two daughters are frustrated players in the Navy's eternal waiting game (How well we remember!) of knowing they will be moving before March but where? The Pentagon or a staff in Norfolk are neither Fred's choice, but one will apparently be the Navy's for him. A great treat for Jack was three days at sea on Fred's ship. He's still an enthusiastic sea-going salt given the chance.

Elizabeth and Mark with small son and daughter took the family "moving duty" (Each year it's someone!) leaving the Army ROTC staff at University of Dayton for a return to real Army life at historic Ft. Monroe VA, across the tunnel from Norfolk.

While the world goes slightly mad with driving, shopping, spending, eating and drinking, we wish for you: fun without frenzy, peace without loneliness, wining and dining without penalty, health of body and spirit, pleasure in family and friends with more delight than duty, memories to cherish, eagerness for the New Year, and an abiding faith that will carry you through should wishes fail.

January

New Year's Eve was spent quietly at home

2 Jack elected senior warden on Vestry

- 3-4 Spent nights with Watsons in view of severe storm warning and necessity that I be at Fairfax Hospital a.m. of...
 - 5 for 4-1/2 hour surgery on both frontal sinuses

7 Home in ice and rain

15 Frigid! Lowest ever for the date at -5 degrees

- 16 Frigid! -10 degrees. FAPs bring Sunday dinner for Jack's birthday and leave before snow
- 17 Sleet, snow, freezing rain. Los Angeles earthquake

18 Ice, snow, frigid

19 -23 degrees! To NoVa for post-op appt. and Dr. Hermansen never showed; detained in surgery

21 To Dr. Hermansen; drains out

23 Dusty's baptism on USS DEYO; Fred and Donna godparents Average temperature for the month was 29.2, but only the 12th coldest January on record; snow below normal; ice was our problem.

February

2-12 Several separate onslaughts of sleet, ice, freezing rain

14-17 Elizabeth, T & R visit from Ft. Monroe. For Mimi's 97th birthday the 15th Sue engineered party at Woodbine; all her kids, Mary & David Karrick, we present.

19 Jack to emergency room with severe heart symptoms

- 22 Jack starts seeing Dr. Farra, Winchester, for attention and adjustment of medication
- 25-27 Jack with Frank, Larry on Falls Church Men's Retreat at Sandy Cove MD
 - 28 Fred & Donna to Fairfax Co househunting; Mona with girls in Summerville

<u>March</u>

- 1-10 Judy on cipro for sinus infection
 - 2 Jack to Winchester for cardiac tests; 14" of snow

4 FAPs overnight with news of house search

5-6 Robin Taylor overnight (Were MGEs here too? Calendar notes them with no details? No recollection...)

16 Wind chill to -7; a week later on 23rd temp of 83!

27 Fred arrived with girls to all stay here while he checks into the Pentagon for duty with J-6, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Donna packing out in Summerville for movers 29th

29 Snow here; Jack has fever of 101.8 of undetermined origin

- 30 Jack better; we take girls to their house, 3903 Sulgrave Dr. Alexandria, for the day
- 31 Movers deliver; I pick up girls so Fred can get to Pentagon tomorrow

April

1 Take the girls to Alexandria; Donna arrives in afternoon

3 Easter; Jack runs fever of 101.8

12 Jack to cardiologist; starts cordarone 2x daily

25 First hummingbirds!

May

- 1-8 ON Florence SC, research in Darlington, Society Hill; two ON in Newberry for research (Higgins Ferry, Higgins home, Rosemont Cemetery, Court House, Newberry College); see Cowpens; two ON in Spartanburg, visit Rutherfordton NC, Kings Mountain; three ON at Ft. Lee VOQ, Petersburg, research at State Library and battlefields.
- 9-15 At MGE quarters, Wherry housing, Ft. Monroe; Mark in BOQ; Elizabeth on PWOC conference in Atlanta; ON 14th in Winchester to extend our "get-away"
 - 19 Judy's sonogram (for what?); Jackie Kennedy Onassis died of lymphoma
 - 26 Judy's mammogram
 - 30 Phil Taylor & family, Fred & family here for Memorial Day; pool, chow, chat; kids enjoyed each other

<u>June</u>

- 9 Jack joins group headed by Charlie Hall to fight slots at the racetrack, due for next election
- 10 Dinner at Bavarian Inn for our 40th; more to come!
- 11 MGEs move into better quarters, #1 Reeder Cr., Ft. Monroe; Mark picked up our king size bed while we await new one
- 14-15 Record 98 degrees first, then record 101 next day
- 19-21 Elizabeth and kids here for Father's Day; our new tilt-up bed arrived the 20th
- 22-23 Donna & girls visit with Sarah's Summerville friend, Renee; 10 days so far of 90+ temps
- 25-16 August Elizabeth in Washington state with Edgrens
 - 25 Tom Riley here last night for St. A's leaders session today
 - 27 End of 14 days of 90+ temps a record for this time of year Judy had appts with Hermansen, then new internist, Crantz, and immediate carotid doppler to check on two incidents that sound like TIAs -- report showed all clear
 - 30 It's officially the hottest June ever here

July

- 1-3 Skolnicks visit, potential house buyers; congenial folks.
 Dishwasher burned out on 1st.
- 5-8 We stay at MGE quarters, Ft. Monroe, while they're all in Washington state; do museums and enjoy good restuarants
 - 9 Milder temps end 9 days of 90+; very dry
 - 12 New Sears dishwasher delivered
- 15-16 Sarah & Beth visit here; we all enjoyed "Fair" at Hillsboro
- 18-25 Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg; kids treat to a week there in honor of our 40th anniversary. Elizabeth, kids back & forth each day & sometimes overnight; Mark in & out; FAPs on hand 20th-24th; SPPs 22nd-23rd. 22nd Becca cut her head. 23rd spent a rainy afternoon and evening at MGEs for steak dinner for all hands. Great time! What a family!
 - 30 It's officially the hottest ever July here.

August

- 2 Overnight at FAPs for Sarah's 10th birthday
- 6 Overnight at FAPs as "sitters" for Fred's Madison High reunion
- 7-14 FAPs to Florida to join Bennetts
- 16-18 Jack to New Hampshire for Cutlass reunion

September

- 3-5 Cool! Heat on briefly
- 8-11 Touristing in Gettysburg; Sub Vets meeting in Johnstown; sold antique McIntosh settee
- 6-18 SPPs vacation in RV in Pacific northwest; Steve goes on to Anchorage till 23rd for conference
 - 8 Sarah & Beth start 5th, 3rd grades; Timothy starts preschool
- 18-27 Judy on ceftin for sinus infection
- 23-24 FAPs here for visit and craft fair
- 24-28 Elizabeth & kids here for craft fair & visit
 - 28 FAPs and we on special tour of White House, courtesy of Mark Rogers and Damon; luncheon in the exec dining room

<u>October</u>

- 1 Spent last night with FAPs and all went today to Rennaisance Festival in MD.
- 10 Sue Rockefeller's surgery for colon cancer; meet Lizzie Perkins at Dulles for overnight. Very special young woman!
- 13 Judy on ceftin till Dec 2
- 16-19 E & kids visit & go to PA the 17th. Judy starts lower back trouble on 16th
 - 18 Judy has melanoma ("Not the <u>bad</u> kind") removed from upper left arm; Jack takes delivery on hearing aids
 - 19 With E & kids we pick up Steve from conference in Williamsburg & have dinner at E's; back real bad
 - 20 To orthopedist; pain med and muscle relaxant; next day home 25

November

-7 J2 travelling; flew BWI to Melbourne & ON at Patrick AFB; 26-27 with Towners in Clewiston & have melanoma sutures out; 28-1st in Melbourne for T-boats reunion and seeing Blums; fly to Charleston on 1st and drive rental car to Columbia for ONs with Nancy Pearlstine till 4th; spend that day with George Buell; ONs 4-6 with SPPs; fly home on 7th (31 October Donna went to work for National Private Truck Council)
 - 8 Landslide Republican victory! We control the House for first time in 40 years! Public sentiment makes many statements. Local project to defeat slots at racetrack also won and track closed before Christmas.
 - 17 Judy's second surgery on right frontal sinus; scant 24 hours in hospital; much more comfortable recovery
- 23-Dec 2 Judy on sporanox for fungus infection in nasal passages 24 Thanksgiving Day: early dinner with Mimi, then rest of the day with FAPs and guest, Rick Macri

December

- 6 Jack starts therapy for torn bicep muscle; one such spell of long pain some years ago.
- 9-11 At FAPs; they treated to my birthday dinner out; we stayed with girls 10-11 while they got away for Donna's b'day & anniversary treat in Annapolis.
- 11-16 E & kids met us at FAPs and came to Home Port; Judy tired & droopy, the major bug?
 - 19 Jack gets great computer upgrade to 486 CD-ROM
- 24-25 To FAPs ON Christmas Eve & home Christmas night. Such a special time, but Beth rather sick and Judy ailing somewhat. Fred & Jack had early dinner with Mimi, then later at home.
- 26-30 To MGEs at Ft. Monroe for very good visit despite J2 both somewhat ailing with the bug. Weather mild all through holiday. On 29th Becca to doctor and guite poorly 30th.
- New Year's Eve much colder; quiet day catching up on mail and desks.

A year of coping with, enduring, increasing physical ailments. But a year of pleasure and vitality with our two younger generations. Chaos, degeneracy, immorality, anarchy, scorn for individual responsibility, an indecisive president, profligate spending both individually and nationally ... A seek new measure of good among the conspicuous evil. Oh yes, and former president Nixon died sometime this year too, and was honored and eulogized in disregard of his sins and errors.

PASSAGES THROUGH 1995 Favorable winds; infrequent line squalls

very tired of living. She would have been 98 in less than a month. * "Home Port", our "soul place" on Blue Ridge Mountain, passed to a new owner. We let go of that treasured spot more readily than we could believe * Jack's mother passed from this world to the next, alert to the last and

and came - temporarily - to the convenient pleasure of an apartment, feeling the Lord was setting a straight path before us.

* We passed on many possessions to our children (and to yard sales!), put a lot in storage and find six months later how little we miss most of them! Moving next May or June to Falcons Landing retirement community, "just down

promotion to Commander. He is still with Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon and * Fred made the passage to a certified "old fud" in Navy tradition the road a piece", has been already simplified.

* Steve and Karen climbed another rung on Westvaco's corporate ladder in South Carolina and also have the busy life of young professionals with their maintains busy home life with Donna and daughters eleven and nine.

sons six and two.

* Elizabeth and Mark will pass out of easy visiting distance when the brand new Major takes the family with son five and daughter three to duty at Ft. Our next grandchild will be born there in June!

* Apartment life surely simplifies travel! In seven months 17,000 miles have passed through the speedometer, plus about 3000 air miles as we've enjoyed * And to stretch our theme to the limit, we finally passed into the decade of visiting, touristing and researching family history in the southeast.

We look forward to hearing from you. Our little WV post office will forward our Christmas cards here. Sorry we didn't get our news and address out to you earlier. MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU, MAKE HIS FACE the '90s and are e-mail accessible at JPPRISLEY @ aol.com.

SHINE UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE THROUGH THIS HOLY SEASON AND THE COMING YEAR.

Jach and Judy



Tiny Tim: Dickens Christmas Carol

This passing year gave our family no births, no deaths, and only one of the "kids" moving. How stable can life become! "Adventures" have been counted in time shared with friends and family.

Jack consults occasionally, keeping him energized and involved. He's a big help to Judy in theory and fact by applying routines from years of intelligence analysis to her geneology research. This hobby brings delightful people and places into our lives, plus a powerful sense of history.

1994 made a frigid start with inconvenient amounts of ice, snow and sub-zero temps, but broke few records. That didn't stop celebration of Jack's mother's 97th birthday at her nursing home in Alexandria. Dear soul! Pitifully frail of body and strong of mind! Spring brought our burgeoning colony of hummingbirds (a gallon of sugar water every 48 hours) and a new, happy "hum" to life with Fred's coming from an XO tour on the DEYO and moving his family to Alexandria for his tour of duty with the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon.

Summer gave us the hottest June and July ever here. No hotter though than the Florida June when J&J were married 40 years ago with air conditioning still a rarity. To mark the event, the kids rented a cottage near Williamsburg where we stayed a week; they came as schedules permitted. For about 48 hours our three with spouses and six grandchildren aged 10 to eight months were all with us! As Psalm 127 says: "Children are a gift from the Lord; like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth!"

Speaking of warriors, military boards (with great wisdom) selected Fred for the rank of commander and son-in-law Mark for major, with actual gold braid and pay to follow. Judy gave the resident "old warrior" a bachelor pass to attend his submarine CUTLASS reunion in New Hampshire, celebrating 50 years since construction but "only" 34 since his XO tour. BARRACUDA (his command tour) drew us both to a reunion in Florida in a tight two week's schedule of further visits

there and in South Carolina.

In another "battle ground" Judy began 1994 and entered this holiday season with surgeries on the frontal sinuses. Excellent surgeon and wonderful patient, but we just didn't get everything right the first time and had to re-do part of the process in November. Looks like a winner this time!

With each passing year, we realize the growing importance of dear friends in our lives. We reach out to you all at this time to pray that the Lord's peace be yours through this Christmas season, and our warmest wishes for a blessed New Year.

Jan 4--Judy starts ceftin for sinus infection

7--ice; on the 11th scant snow/ice; on the 14th mild! 70 deg!

17--earthquake in Kobe, Japan; 6000+ dead, 26,000+ injured

- 20--Mimi died 2:30 a.m.; was generally alert till near the end. Jack visited her the afternoon of the 19th. She was very uncomfortable, somewhat detached and not talkative. priest visited her that night with Sue for Holy Communion and Last Rites. She had proclaimed herself so "ready to go" for many months before. She would have been 98 on the graph from coming. Feb.: 15.: The second was the first of the second
 - 28--Memorial Mass for Mimi at Grace Church, Alexandria. Steve drove up and stayed with FAPs; MGEs came to pick up their new car and join the family. FAPs decided it was time to acquaint Sarah and Elizabeth with a funeral. (Mimi had by then been cremated and there was the covered urn at the altar.) Had a sitter at the church for Timothy and Rebecca. Arnett came from Annapolis; all Thumbs were there. A glorious service! Family to Rockefellers after reception, except MGEs who left for home in face of heavy snow starting.

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30--Snow up to 5-6" by now.

Feb 3-4--5" snow

5-6--Wind chill to 25 below 0 1 32.

15-16--Visit Bill and Mary Jane Stone in Bel Air MD; so cold and icy their other guests couldn't make it to dinner

16-17--Visit Joan and Bill McIntosh in Churchville MD

20-22--Judy to FAPs in Alexandria to stay with Beth; expected to break out with chicken pox, but didn't 24-25--Jack on Falls Church men's retreat break out with chicken pox, but didn't

27--Elizabeth arrived with Timothy & Rebecca

28--Elizabeth with us to Pentagon for Fred's promotion to CDR; T&R with sitter at their house; Mona, Sarah, Beth, Arnett, Mibby with us; sadness over Mark Rogers and the recent news of his selection, then rejection for promotion to Admiral for Politically Correct reasons. Took guts to come for ceremony and reception:

r 1--Elizabeth and children left
8--Sleet & snow

Mar

- 11--Contract on Home Port! At Ruckers' in Vienna for Cursillo get-together
- 15--To Ft. Monroe; Mark away; Elizabeth rather sick till 19th; took her to Chamberlain Hotel for brunch, then came home

22--Willowbrooke homeless shelter picked up our give-aways; readying for the move

15-22--Rockefellers moving to apartment on Reynolds St. having sold their home; tough time for them - Sue in chemo for months following surgery for colon cancer

29--Another sinus infection; started ceftin

- THE CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF 3--Judy switched from ceftin to cephalexin for 30 days for CONTRACTOR OF STATE sinus infection.
 - 8--Overnight Frederick MD for Tri State Sub Vets b'day ball

9--Fred brought S&E to stay the week of spring holiday Apr 10--Elizabeth with T&R arrived; Judy started rifadin 3 days of the for fungus infection in sinuses. On 11th E & kids visited in Washington; on 12th she stayed at Home Port with all kids while we joined Magarifujis at Peking Gourmet 13--Elizabeth, T&R left. The second of the s 14--Fred & Donna came through the 16th for Easter 19--Bombing of Federal Building in Oklahoma City; 169 dead, 500 injured. Arrest of suspects followed quickly. 20-23--We went to Ft. Monroe for Mark's Cadet Command Ball the 20th, parade and review 21st; baby sat while M&E got away for their 10th anniversary 29--Jack at Falcons Landing picnic; I had yard sale with Jacque and others at Mountain Community Center: the second section of the second section is the second section of the second section in the second section is the second section of the second section in the second section is the second section of the second section in the second section is the second section of the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the second section in the second section is the second section in the section is the second section in the section is the section in the section in the section is the section in the section in the section is the section in the section is the section in the section in the section in the section is the section in the sec May 6--First move into storage and apartment 13--Final movers to 146 Clubhouse Drive, #202, Leesburg 15--Closed on house and left at once for Summerville; Karen on a business trip; Dusty sick part of the time: 19-21--Visited Kelleys in Raleigh; Shaun doing great; Shannon not so well 1. 0 章 * 1 (3) (2) (2) (3) (4) 26-27--Jack to Promise Keepers 3--FAPs got first dog, Cookie 9-11--Thumbs at Rileys' on 9th; dinner and a movie for our 41st on 10th; Annapolis for antique consignment and dinner with ABTs on 11th 13--gave Jack's broken recliner to Salvation Army 17--Judy had congestion and cough without drainage; on 21st started ceftin and trinalin 22--Kept Cookie till 2nd while FAPs were in Florida w/Bennetts 27-Judy started water exercise class; Jack started shortly Jul 4--With FAPs in Alexandria for cookout and fireworks 5--and on through the month, Judy had a wandering rash here and there, all over; diagnosed on 10th as "fifth disease" and started on seldane 15--Final get-together at Brewers' with Zaleskis 17-19--Sarah & Elizabeth here, all to FAPs for E's,b'day on 19th 22-25--To Ft. Monroe with Elizabeth and kids 28--Mark ended aide's job with **Gen. Lyle --volunteer firemen picked up wing chair, blue sofa About the 12th to 21st it was HOT! Humidity and heat in 90s, but not record breaking. Heat was worse in Chicago; hitting 106, causing 700+ deaths, more than in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 The first the first place of the first of the second of th Aug 2-23--MGEs to Washington with Edgrens for Posie's wedding 6-13- We had a great adventure taking Sarah & Elizabeth to White Sulphur Springs for family conference week. F&D came the 12th for overnight and took girls home --Frank and Virginia Watson in awful accident in NC 13-26--Steve in Brazil 18--Leather recliner for Jack; 3 heat records broken

7APs all here for Sarah's 11th birthday

- Aug 21-25--Sarah to Safety Patrol Camp; Elizabeth w/us few days 26--Nell Herrick and Peggy Carson overnight at motel; dinner 30-Sleep sofa delivered and decorate and according to the contraction of the contraction
- 1--ABTs moved from 14 Annapolis St. to nice rental in Heritage Harbor; registered at "Fairfield" in CA for 1997
 - 4--SPPs dear Micah put to sleep
 - 5--Salvation Army picked up Mother's sleep sofa
 - 8-10--On retreat with St. Peter's at Claggettes. No.
 - --on 10th .82" rain ended 33-day record-breaking drought; longest here in Weather Bureau history since 1871
- 14-16--Stayed w/Sarah & Elizabeth while F&D went to Norfolk for friend's Navy ceremony; to Scottish festival with girls
 - 21--Judy drove to Summerville, overnight in motel; Jack drove to Pittsburgh for Requin's 50th reunion, overnight with Ken Treadwell
 - 22-23--George Buell's 2-day 95th birthday reception; met Denise plus many <u>nice</u> people; overnights w/SPPs and some baby sitting
 - 25--Judy still with SPPs; Jack flew in from National after driving down from Pittsburgh
 - 26--Left Summerville; O/N at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville AL
 - 27-30--Motel in Holly Springs MS; met Judy Crenshaw in Michigan City; Treadwell cemetery in Lamar; Treadwell research at Mississippi State U. archives and the State State U.
- 30--At Redstone Arsenal; better quarters than before; R&R! Elizabeth started this month home schooling Timothy.
- 1--Still at Redstone; to church; Jack to Space Center Oct .
 - 2--To Nell's in Atlanta; dinner out joined by Larry & Jane Taylor & their daughter Catherine Schneider - cousins & genealogy correspondents

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- --Elizabeth called! Pregnant!
- 3--Still at Nell's; met Helen & Bill Caudle for lunch
- --O.J.Simpson acquitted of murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman! Totally racist decision by mostly black jury; never another suspect surfaced
- --We're keeping an eye on Hurricane "Opal" which could have - but didn't - complicate our trip
 - 4-6--At Ft. Gordon, Augusta GA for McCaine research there and in Edgefield, Ninety Six and Aiken
- 7-9--To Nancy Pearlstine's in Columbia; on 10th to McIntosh reunion at the Coopers! in Mullins: 1997 and 1998
 - 10--Research in Columbia, then O/N in Rockhill
 - 11--HOME!
 - 16--Million Man March in Washington D.C.; feared trouble and it was A-OK!
 - 25-28--Baby sitting in Ft. Monroe for M&E to get away for her birthday. A fiasco? She had pregnancy miseries, weather was bad, they were camping & came home early
 - 29--Thumbs in our apartment for the first time

- Nov. 5-2Disheartening news about Arnett builds; neurological impairment? Mental failing?
 - --Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Prime Minister, assassinated
 - 6--Joan McIntosh died after long bout with cancer
 - 10--Brewers left for Bahrein
 - --We flew to FL, stayed 10-11 with Helen & Rod O'Connor in Sarasota for burial of Mimi's ashes with Gramps' at St. Wilfred's; Sue & Harry there, Harry's sister & dau
 - 12-13--With Helen & Charlie Williamson in Mt. Dora
 - 14--Research in Tampa; O/N with OCF family
 - --Government shut-down in budget battle between Congress This wand Clinton was a sea of the asset where
- 15--HOME! Much snow/ice around, especially on the mountain. We're out of there at a good time!
- 20--End of gov't shut-down; 800,000 "furloughed" in record The Policy Closure
 - 23-24--Thanksgiving with ABTs in Annapolis
 - 25--Terrific murder mystery dinner party at Zaleskis'
- 30-2---To Ft. Monroe for Mark's promotion to Major on 1st; his parents there briefly too; news of orders to Ft. Polk LA Supplied the first of the control of
- 4--Met Robin n Baltimore for lunch, afternoon, aquarium. Dec
- 1. 1. 9--Judy's 67th; Thumbs at Rileys'; 2" snow 1. 1.
- - 15--0/N at FAPs for only Christmas season visit; they to FL 21-28 at Dennis' w/his boys and Bennetts
- . 16-17--Two nights at Zaleskis' dog-sitting; one visit with Mc Clanahans, breakfast w/Sharon, St. Andrew's, TriState Sub Vets in Hagerstown
 - 18--Home; threat of great ice/snow storm never happened
- 19--Some sleet, quite cold.

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- 24-25--Very blessed, contented, peaceful time with ABTs; evening service at N.A.Chapel Colony March 18 to 18 to
 - 26--Home
- 27-30--Ft. Monroe for lovely time with MGEs; went to Naval Base to see ships dressed for Christmas - not like it used to be! A skimpy display & almost nothing with submarines.
- 31--Came home yesterday; Judy with cough & sore throat; had to cancel New Year's Eve with Zaleskis. I felt "puny", never dressed all day, a little toddy together and to bed before midnight.
- Shortly before Christmas Pres. Clinton ordered the first of ulti-.mately 30,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia for "peace keeping". What a farce! An area that has never known peace. Our diminished defense and the first of the first of the first of the second of t

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DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS!

You may know some details of our momentous, chaotic, frustrating, joyful year. We vowed greetings would go out early this year with our new "forever" address, but... Well, here we are, late again.

We moved from Leesburg on 30-day notice, put almost everything into storage, and came on May 29 to a fully furnished apartment at Falcons Landing, to await completion of our house. This classy not-for-profit continuing care community opened in mid-May. We were arrivals 34 and 35. It was like a luxury cruise with other excited passengers - or like freshmen orientation on campus. We are all retirees, or widows of retirees, from careers as military officers, State Department, CIA, FBI, foreign service, DOD. Oh, the stories we can - and do! - tell!

Complications proliferated until we moved into our very comfortable patio home on August 28. The proof of success is that "out of all the lemons, we made lemonade" and haven't a single regret about our decision to come here.

Steve, Karen, Tucker and Dustin (then 6 & 2) visited from Summerville SC and passed approval just a few days after we first moved. A few days later we flew to Louisiana to greet Samuel Edgren, born to Elizabeth and Mark, joining Timothy and Rebecca (5 & 3). Mark was transferred to Ft. Polk last March. Fred, still at the Pentagon, with Donna and the girls - Sarah and Elizabeth (11 & 9) - all helped us settle into the house. A delightful delay to Christmas organizing was Judy's flight to Louisiana on Nov. 18 to join Elizabeth and children to drive here via Summerville for a weekend with Steve and family. She and the little ones were here 10 days and we were joined by Fred and family for lavish Thanksgiving dinner, courtesy of our elegant dining services. Two days after she left, we were off to Annapolis for Judy's and Arnett's shared birthdays

Now, in this place we so happily, readily and comfortably call "HOME", we rush through rehearsals and preparations for the 8-hour holiday extravaganza of events, displays and entertainment that is perhaps the First Annual Falcons Landing Holiday Happening. There are always more options than time for activity and involvement. Simply knowing our fellow "passengers", our "classmates", can be all-consuming and so interesting. There are now about 300 of us. Construction pushes for completion by the end of this month at which time there will be a total of 319 units - apartments, manor homes and patio homes.

May this Christmas season bring joy, with blessings following through the year!

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JACK AND JUDY

1996 Falcons Landing

January

- 1 Blizzard; 20" snow, everything shut down; Government already facing shut down on budget authorization
- 8 Still snowing; total 30" in Leesburg
- 11 Government reopens
- 12 6-8" snow
- 16 Mark reports to Ft. Polk, DeRidder LA; Jack's birthday nothing special
- 19-20 Rain, #ice, cold, flooding
- 21-25 Elizabeth and children with us for last real visit before LA
 - 27 Sarah & Elizabeth overnight, and Sarah also on 28th

February

- 3 6-8" snow; we overnight with FAPs for Jack and Fred to attend the Order of Carabao "Wallow"
- 4 High 17, low 10 degrees
- 7 Mark briefly back to Ft. Monroe for MGE packers
- 9 Mark leaves, driving to LA. We go for day to help E. in final cleanup, and drive her & kids back to Leesburg for overnight, put them on the train at Union Station the 10th for New Orleans where Mark hs left one car and arrives in the other for their 4-hour late night drive to Ft. Polk.
- 12 MGEs into quarters; 5443-B Seay St.
- 16 4-6" snow
- 24 George Buell died, aged 95 last September
- 29 HCRs move to Indian River Colony Club, Melbourne FL

March .

- 1 Judy to Summerville, having missed George's funeral. Stay with Denise Ibbotsen at Presbyterian Home guest quarters for massive sorting, cleaning of his house. Friends and relatives in abundance testified to his unique life.
- 6 Denise left
- 7 Jack flew in; we visited SPPs till 11th
- 11 Overnight with Nancy Pearlstine in Columbia
- 12 Home at 10 p.m.
- 15-17 Jack on Falls Church men's retreat

April

- 6-7 FAPs with us for Easter
- 19-21 Faith Alive in Marion VA
 - 30 Gave notice at Tuscarora Creek Apartments for sudden Falcons Landing plan to move folks into temporary furnished quarters

May

- 16 Shocking suicide of Mike Boorda, CNO, allegedly based on coming scandal of his having worn medals under questionable authorization
- 24-25 Jack & Fred to Promise Keepers
 - 28 Packers for small amount of stuff I didn't do myself
 - 29 Move to furnished apartment in FL, almost all possessions

- into storage. Mary Jane & Bill Stone moved in a few dys earlier.
- 30 Arnett in ICU; heart episode resulting in pace maker. Original hopes of that causing improvement in mental deterioration later proved unfounded.

June

- 8 SPPs spend the day during brief tourist visit with camper at a park on MD Beltway. The 9th all to FAPs
- 10 Our 42nd anniversary aboard flight to New Orleans; by rental car to Ft. Polk. Elizabeth's baby overdue.
- 13 All attend stirring ceremony for change of command of 2nd 'ACR; primarily Mark's rsponsibility for production.
- 14 Restless Elizabeth to hospital mid-evening. Almost sleepless night for me with prayers occasioned by dreams of baby in extremis with cord around neck.
- 15 Samuel John born at 10:40 a.m., 7#15oz, Elizabeth's biggest, and yes, emergency procedures because of the cord on his neck
- 17 Jack flew home; I stayed on to help; a very precious time.
- 18 Henry Robinson Taylor born to Ken & Patricia
- 23-26 Mark in Washington & Ft. Monroe; I flew home the 26th

<u>July</u>

- -- dermatology removal of "things" on lower R leg
- 2-4 Sarah & Elizabeth with us; they seem to enjoy it here, except for dinner in the dining room
 - -- Jack has fair amount of work with SPA
- 10-11 Girls here; Donna's working complicates their summer care
 - 14 Sarah to Space Camp at Canaveral, then all on their Florida beach vacation with Bennetts
 - 26 To Annapolis for Henry's baptism, planned during Robin, Ken and families' visit for ABT 50th. We stayed through lunch.
- 29-31 Stay at Rileys' on Fenwick Island for ABT 50th large luncheon celebration in rented house on Rehobeth. Arnett's mental disconnect painfully apparent to all, but he's cheerful and peaceful.
- ---- Fred to Budapest somewhere along in here

August

- 2 MGEs to Edgrens in Washington state for 3 weeks
- 18-23 FAPs for day on 18th. Sarah stayed till 21st, then swapped for Elizabeth to stay till 23rd. Girls were dear and easy, but a stressful time! Jack had PAT emergency middle of night 20th and to Leesburg ER. I strted meds 21st for bronchial/sinus infection and felt totally miserable.
 - 22 Helluva move to 46880 Grissom St. Work still to do on house. Uncompleted inspection meant furniture piled high and 3' from all walls, so couldn't get into anything. Elizabeth good cheerful company and help.
- 24-27 Had to move out of apartment and into guest room.
 - 28 First night in HOME! Beginning of new era. Sofa and wing chairs delivered.
- 27-30 Jack having various tests to follow up PAT incident. All OK.

<u>September</u>

- 1 Lizzie Perkins by briefly. Future family involvement weighs heavily on my mind, yet with a degree of hope & happiness.
- 3-5 In Norfolk for Naval Institute seminar. Free motel thanks to last Christmas' certificate from owner of Tuscarora Apartment
 - 6 Hurricane Fran; very bad inland North Carolina, southwest VA
- 20 Until late October Mark to Ft. Irwin CA for training exercise
- 23-27 Jack on SPA contract
 - 24 Buy Chevvy Lumina with credit from GM charge card; our firt and welcome American car in years
 - 26 Transmission down and out; in shop for week. High stress!
 - 30 ABTs overnight

October

- 10 Judy ultrasound for lump on neck. Inconclusive.
- 17 Judy's first ever jury duty; excused for knowing one of the witnesses. Even though light acquaintance, a known Christian whose word I would honor.
- 18-20 Jack on T-boat reunion in Hagerstown
 - 26 At Gravesons' for young George's 40th. Fred there, D. sick.

November

- 1-3 FAPs to SPPs with trailer relieving us of some overflow, including some unit maple furniture bought in CA in '65
 - 5 Clinton re-elected with continuing majority Republican Congress. Poor cmpaign performance by Dole.
- 6-7 AARP senior driving class at FL
 - 15 Bill Cogle died suddenly on a construction job
 - 17 Helen O'Connor died
 - 18 Judy flew to Lake Charles LA. Mark left 20th for Ft. Irwin.
- 21 E, kids & I left for nearly 11 hours driving to motel in ??? the TO SEL Minimal stress and max pleasure in being with her & kids
- 22-25 With SPPs in Summerville; a visit good beyond expectations. Home to FL evening of 25th
 - 28 Thanksgiving; FAPs here; all to dinner, seated in the lounge.

<u>December</u>

- 4 E & kids left. A most treasured time! Bad weather and few special events. She did the return trip to Ft. Polk on her own with visits en route, home 14th, Mark not until 23rd.
- 7-8 To Annapolis for shared birthdays. Lunch & Army-Navy game at Timm & Kathleen Anderson's; Dick & Dixie Goertemiller too. Mibby hosted all for dinner. Church & brunch Sunday.
 - 9 My 68th. Unreal! To Centurion dinner at Sheraton, Atlington Jim & Robbie Edgren there in charge.
 - 12 "Holiday Happening" extravaganza at FL. Fun, creative, good "family" feeling, but oh! the load on stress, activity etc. for days/weeks ahead.
- 13-15 Sarah and Elizabeth with us. E. thriving on her season of riding lessons. Doing so well at school. Sarah challenged for first time ever in 7th grade.
 - 23 To Summerville. Delight of their spa. Incredibly peaceful Christmas Eve except Dusty was sick awhile after bed. Long service at 5 at St. Paul's; boys so very good.

CHRISTMAS DAY - what a blessing to be together! 26th we were home with Tucker; S&K back to work; Dusty in day care. We three met Steve for lunch. Glad to know Tucker a little better.

- 27 Leave SPPs. Lunch & visit with Pat & Diane Burke in Hanahan, then to Nancy's in Columbia.
- 29 Leave Columbia; to Kelley's in Raleigh overnight. Mona Bennett in ICU with what turned out to be heart attack.
- 30 Home, Jack getting quite sick with flu bug. Donna flew to Houston.
- 31 New Year's Eve; cancelled party reservations. To bed early.

January 1997 LOG

1-2 Jack ailing
3 Warmest for the date in 122 years 1 you was von

10 3" snow
15 Turned the Plymouth van over to charity and against

16 What a terrible day for the family despite thanksgiving for Jack's birthday! Fred lost the cut for command at sea! It's a numbers and dates thing and nothing disparaging his excellent record. Donna's boss, Dodie, a lovely single woman, was murdered by her brother in a cocaine rage.

28 Jack to ER with atrial fib; stayed overnight on the stayed overnight on the stayed overnight on the stayed overnight.

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30 Jack at hospital all day for cardioversion

February
4-5 Charlie Williamson stays in guest room at FL; here for the

Carabao Wallow 5 To FAPs for Fred's 41st birthday; we celebrate love in the

face of navy disappointment

Judy w/wo Jack starts going to Annapolis 1x-2x month to help Mibby with sorting for move to CA. Arnett calm, cheerful w/Alzheimers. Sales tell as selection of the signs of against

March

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1 Steve here overnight fora conference in DC

April

7-9 Judy ailing

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12 Jack's oral history interview here re Naval Intelligence
01 J2 fly to LA to stay with kids for MGE anniversal to 22-01 J2 fly to LA to stay with kids for MGE anniversary trip to Hurlburt AFB FL with little Samuel; rain most of the time q

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May

1 J2 home from MGEs in Ft. Polk

19 Judy flies to Ft. Polk to meet Elizabeth for trip back here with kids The state of the s 21-23 We drive back here; good trip; Elizabeth and kids stay here till June 10. Such a precious visit, tho chilly, damp weather and children's ailments hampered fun outings

24 FAPs here for lunch and afternoon; SPPs arrive for brief visit, then to FAPs for final visit before Guam, Andrew St. To

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6 FAPs here for lunch visit

7 FAPs leave for Guam 10-12 Judy drives w/Elizabeth & kids to Ft. Polk; first night in Burlington NC after 3-hour visit with Ochleitners; in Chester VA; second night in Meridian MS;

13 FAPs report in Guam, CO Naval ComSta; Elizabeth and kids barely get Judy to Lake Charles for her plane

Stat MART <u>June</u> (cont) 17 Robert Corey Rockefeller born 19 Judy spends day with Jacque Brewer & kids, here from Bahrain before going on to Florida voora 📆 . 20 Fred's change of command 22 Temperature @ 95, with humidity = 102 SPA one day in May; nine days in June of the second of the 1 Tom Riley's mother, Florence Ruggles, all set to move into FL, has to go into Johnson Center with fractured vertebrae 4 Lunch picnic buffet at FL; at night go by bus to Leesburg for fireworks; all the Stones family except Bill Jr. here; sit w/them 11 Sue and Harry here for happy hour & dinner; they're visiting Bob and Tammy, Gray 14-18 Temperatures 98, 99, 99 100, 99 namidio 10 2 5 4 56 10 32 25-26 At Coolfont w/all Brewers at house his mother rented 90 27-28 to 1800 17899, 100 April 1900 TGT PRINT BITM YOUR BITM YOUR TGT PRINT BITM YOUR TGT PRINT BITM YOUR TGT PRINT BITM YOUR TGT PRINT BITM YOUR BITM YOU 31 Spend couple of hours w/Brewers at Dulles as they leave for Bahrain Jack consults @ SPA eight days August 9-10 Jack to Vermont for Helen's burial 16-17 Temperatures @ 102, 105 18 MGEs go to Washington state to senior Edgrens 22 Florence Ruggles settled in her apartment 30 Princess Diana killed in auto accident in Paris Jack consults @ SPA five days £. A Lord From Miles in the South September 97 34 5 Mother Teresa died 15 1100 of 1 27 07 08 36 114 4686 91 19-21 Faith Alive in Boyce VA confirmed about 19-21 Faith Alive in Boyce VA confirmed about 19-21 Faith Alive in Boyce VA かりょん 可見しい Judy in Annapolis 2x; Jack consulting 6x 3 5 700 - 00 10 11 11 11 eparato in the hope to an usual to at the field PRES ELO for les condacuersons SPES erros fordoto 4-6 Stay at Zaleskis w/dogs lary long, to top out of the 10-13 J2 to Seattle area on senior air coupons Cart The Land 15 Judy starts ceftin for sinus infection 17 Jack sees Koh for atrial flutter 17 Jack sees kon for atrial flucter
23 Judy changed from ceftin to cipro; staph infection & pseudomonas 25 Dinner at That's Amore w/Zaleskis, Sharon available to Judy to Annaolis 2x; Jack consulting 1x secure sight is Meridian 197, November dred all trade of the following of the dear from a 1 Leave from Dover for Bahrain; see that account for arrival Nov 5; departure Dec 10

<u>December</u>

10 Leave Bahrain via Sigonella, Naples, Rota, Ramstein; see that log for account

16 Return to Falcons Landing; Christmas letters, last shopping and mailing

24-25 To ABTs in Annapolis for Christmas Eve & morning; very good catered meal for noon Christmas (Thursday), then leave for Summerville. J2 stayed in motel Xmas Eve

25-29 Arrived S'ville 9-10 Christmas night; left Monday a.m

30 Judy to Annapolis & Arnett into respite care at Annapolitan; Mibby & Judy with a big job ahead of sorting and packing out; separating things to go to Junk Botique, to come to FL to The Store, to put on consignment at our antique shop

31 New Year's Eve ... did we have a little drink & go to bed??

Recapping the year from the newspaper:

Jan 2 Clinton-Gore start 2nd term

Feb 10 Jury in OJ Simpson civil suit finds him liable in deaths; fines him \$33.5 million

23 British scientists announce first cloning of an animal, a sheep named Dolly

Mar 26 Mass suicide of 39 Heaven's Gate cultists "joining the space ship in the tail of Hale-Bopp comet"

Apr 22 Hostage crisis at Japanese Embassy in Peru ends after 126 days when government commandos orchestrate rescue of all except one who d. of heart attack; hostages taken by Tupac Amaru rebels

May 25 Strom Thurmond of SC sets a record of 40 years in US Senate

Jun 2 Timothy McVeigh found guilty of Oklahoma City bombing; gets death penalty

27 Supreme Court gives president line item veto power

Jul 1 Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule after 156 years of Brit Colonial government

6 Mars Sojourner first mobile vehicle on another planet

Aug 5 Devastating volcanic eruption on Caribbean island of Montserrat

28 In California ban on affirmative action becomes law

30 Princess Diana dies in auto crash in Paris with "boyfriend"

Sep 1 Minimum wage set at \$5.15 hour

5 Mother Teresa dies in India

Nov 18 Septuplets born in Iowa; all still living in mid-January

- Dec 29-30 Judy to Annapolis to help Mibby get ready for move to California, and settle Arnett in temporary nursing home. :(
- Jan 1-5 Jack joins us for help; he and I stay w/Timm & Kathleen Anderson
 - 6 Movers; Judy leaves for home after supper out
 - 17 Clinton-Jones deposition; who knew then how long & dirty results would be
- 17-19 J&J meet Mibby and Ken at BWI, all stay with Andersons overnight, Sunday brunch together, pick up Arnett and Too-Tall; Andersons and we drive all to BWI for return
 - 21 Clinton perjury scandal adds to sex scandals
- $\underline{30}$ Full house and fun with 2-act play by FL Actors Theater; Jack & I both in cast; I as a constantly sobbing wimpy wife
- Feb 9-12 Jack working good contract at SPA
 - 14 Old clan gathers for George Graveson wedding; Fred was missed as best man
- 17 To Columbia & stay with Nancy Pearlstine to have portrait copied Frances Caldwell Higgins McIntosh
- 20 To Florence, see Bacots' "Roseville", lunch w/John and Mary Gregg; to Hopewell Presbyterian Church where early Greggs were buried (graves now lost); to Raleigh to visit Kelleys
- 22 Leave Kelleys; find the early Caldwell Settlement w/church ruins, graveyard near Charlotte Courthouse, Brookneal, Phoenix VA; then home

January and February were warmest for those months in 104 years of record keeping.

- <u>Mar 5</u> To Charlotte NC and overnight in motel to meet Lillian James, source of Bacot-McIntosh information
 - 13 To Charlottesville w/Fellows, Gravesons for nice day of visiting Crouters
 - 18 J&J fly to Ft. Polk for last visit there with MGEs; stay at BOQ
- Hodges Gardens and Natchatoches (sp?) w/Elizabeth & kids for lovely day; Jim Edgren at their home when we returned; he stayed at a VIP cottage
 - 23 Jim left early; we flew home
- 30 Fly to San Francisco and check in Travis AFB good quarters; cold! Wait and wait with no luck for Space A to Guam. Clinton's in Africa and AF planes in short supply.
- <u>Apr</u> 3 Fred and Donna give us fantastic gift of our flight to Guam! Leave VOQ for motel in Fairfield; dinner w/ABTs at Paradise Valley
- 4 Day w/ABTs; Ken, Robin & families visit. Robin & Pat take us back to San Francisco and we stay nearby in Muriel's guest apartment
- 5 Robin takes us to SF airport early. About 12-13 hours in the air with layover in Honolulu; cross the dateline and several confusing time changes
 - Arrive Guam about 1700; nice BOQ room about two blocks from FAP's quarters
 - 7 F&D drive us around his station; lunch at Reef Club, commissary, naps
- <u>8</u> D&I shopping; D to school board meeting; F took J&J to Barragada, Two Lovers Point; F&Jack to Apra Harbor to visit Japanese submarine; D&I join them for huge reception on

two Japanese destroyers; Hot! Humid!

- 9 Girls out of school for Easter weekend. D&girls to dentist; Fred takes J&J, girl(s?), to Anderson AFB museum & Ritidian Beach; all but Donna go to evening RC Mass at base chapel for Maundy Thursday.
- 10 Donna, Sarah & Judy on errands; E at pool; F took J&J to Double Reef overlook and the trail to Tweed's cave; Haputo Point for sunset over Philippine Sea
- 11 Judy's allergy/sinus bad! F took J&J to "fiesta" at Mayor Rivera's in Dededo midday. Relaxing time at home.
- <u>12</u> Unusual chapel service for Easter! D's friend & daughter to afternoon dinner; word came through that F did not get permanent professorship in Annapolis
- 13 J&J w/F in afternoon to Barragada, Nimitz Hill, KAL crash site, war memorial and museum, Plaza del Espana, Marine Beach at Asan
- 14 F works today; J&J to clinic for meds for sinus etc. To Elizabeth's riding lesson w/F, Cheryl. Pizza at home and an early night
- 15 F&D, J&J on tour of island 9-4. Great scenes, history, lots of photos. At night D to wives' meeting at Admiral's qtrs; Sarah w/a friend; F, E, J&J to Mongolian barbecue at Reef Club; Jack stayed on with the Chiefs. MGEs to Tacoma for final visit w/JAEs
 - 16 F working; D&I to Anderson; quiet day. J&J have dinner w/Bill Pesch in Agana.
 - 17 Errands, laundry etc
- 18 F&D to Saipan for R&R. J&J to E's track meet HOT! J&J to bazaar at Anderson w/S; E to pool; S overnight w/Chonti; J,J&E to "Lone Star" for dinner
 - 19 J&J&E to chapel; S home at noon then out to work with friend on science project
- 20 S to school; J&J take E to Nav Hosp for final check on right arm fracture, then to school. F&D home abt 1700 and all to Outback for dinner
 - 21 F working, D to school board; we pack, take bags to airport in evening
- 22 J&J leave 0600, wonderful treasured visit! Arrive SF 0500 same day; catch shuttle to Travis, motel near PV & SLEEP! Dinner w/ABTs at PV and overnight in motel
- At ABTs, see PV and so pleased that we think FL so much better. Overnight in new trundle beds after seeing Fairfield and Suisun.
- 24 A frantic day the way they too often live. Mibby has hair and foot appointments, groceries, errands, pizza lunch in town; we shuttle to SF airport where Robin picked us up for overnight at Muriel's.
- 25 0900-1500 with Ken, Patricia & boys. Robin collects us for great fun night on the town as their guests and overnight at Muriel's
- 26 To church at St. James w/Robin, sightseeing, then brunch at the beach and the big event of our telling her about Lizzie. We welcome w/joy her positive and excited reaction.
- 27 J&J take Muriel for coffee and long walk, talk; shuttle to airport 1115 and home about midnight to cold rain and dead battery in the car at motel parking
 - 30 Volksmarch w/Bill Kraft at Second Manassas

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- May 4 MGEs return to Ft. Polk from visit w/JAEs
- 6-7 Dinner w/Steve in Vienna and good visit as he goes to DC to testify for AFPA before a House ag. committee
 - 16 90 degrees broke heat record for the date
 - 21 With Andersons, tour Capt. Cook's "Endeavor" replica and lunch in Alexandria
- Jun 3 MGEs have packers for Kuwait
 - 6 First indications of my knees, right hip giving serious discomfort
 - 10 Our 44th; dinner w/Krafts and an in-house concert
 - 11 MGE packers for storage, and they clear quarters the 12th

14-28 MGEs w/us prior to departure for Kuwait. We give them our house, we stay in guest room Bldg 4 for a week, then at Stones' while they're in Israel. 14th: Corey Rockefeller's baptism and we go to church and party, Sue and Harry visiting. MGEs in expected flap over tickets, luggage, passports etc. 17th all to the Zoo. 18th them to visit Jody & Tom. 19th Sue and Harry visit here; JAE's arrive to buy van, eat and leave. 20th MGE's grandma and Uncle Steve come from Harrisburg, all go to the Celtic Festival in Leesburg and MGEs out with G'ma and Steve for dinner. 21st chapel and brunch and MGEs drive Washington at night for monuments, lights etc. 22nd all do Air Space Museum and E & I do Am. History w/Becca, then Natural History w/Timothy while others go home. 24th MGEs to Mt. Vernon. 25th M&E out to dinner. 28th they all leave for Kuwait.

This was a hot, humid month, little rain. Donna and girls flew Guam to Houston to spend weeks w/Bennetts, sending Sarah to Space Camp and Elizabeth to riding camp and continuing lessons. Jack and Terri Zaleski's Tristan was born _____? Through the month I started volunteering regularly in "Drugs R Us" for Rx from Walter Reed. Arnett admitted this month to the Alzheimers' unit when it opened at PV.

Jul 9-11 Jack to NH, joining Jim Thomas and staying w/Mary and David Karrick

Terrible forest fires in Florida. Clinton makes a showy PR trip to China. Jack's at SPA 22-24, 27-28.

- Aug 3 Donna and girls home to Guam.
 - 5 Jack starts long term foot infection: swollen, blisters, red
 - 7 Terrorist bombings of US Embassies in Kenya, Tanzania
- 14-16 Lizzie & Robin meet in SF! 15th, Nell Herrick and Peggy overnight here; so burdensome and heavy!
 - Clinton's grand jury testimony and TV address LIAR! Disgrace to America.
 - 20 US missile attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan politically misguided and useless

Uncomfortable weather, very dry, hot. Jack at SPA 4-5, 10, 12. Jack and I start volunteering at front desk at Johnson Center.

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- <u>Sep</u> 8 LV after FLOCK & lunch for SC, FL, overnight in Rocky Mount. 9th arrive SPPs and go to Echols' 50th anniversary party. Dave & Ruth Purinton there. 10th lunch with Purintons and Pat Burke. 11th Grandparents Day at Tucker's school good experience. 12th go to Dusty's soccer game and we take boys to lunch and toy shopping
 - 13 We leave SPPs after lunch, overnight in Brunswick.
- <u>14-18</u> Arrive Sue and Harry's at Indian River Colony Club in Melbourne. Good visit except for weather, so hot and humid. 100% humidity on 18th with no rain!
- <u>18</u> Arrive Quality Suites in Melbourne for T-Boat reunion. Continuing heat, humidity. Good to hang out (and in) with Pat and Diane Burke.
 - 20-21 LV after breakfast Sunday, overnight in Walterboro, home abt 1530 Monday
- Oct 6 Judy to Dr. Lower, orthopod, re increasing foot, hip discomfort
- <u>18</u> Tristan's baptism at Methodist church, Rt 9, then Terri's mom treats them, Sheryl and us to dinner at the Bavarian Inn

Jack was at SPA 27, 29. Judy started pre-op processing with Dr. Berman, plastic surgeon. Still hot and dry. Uncomfortable season physically for us both. Jack's foot infection, right hand pain. My foot, knees, hip.

- Nov 3 Election Day: sorry to see GOP lose some House seats
 - 9 Ed Gordon died at home after long bout with lung cancer, Idd about Feb/Mar
- 14 Elizabeth and kids arrive after 3 days notice of Mark's insistence on their "optional departure" from Kuwait in view of the intransigence of Saddam Hussein not allowing weapons inspectors. On layover in Frankfurt they learned he had "conceded" but State Dept didn't allow turning back. They all stay at new Marriott Suites in Marketplace.
- <u>16</u> I had breast reduction surgery so long and eagerly hoped for! at Loudon Hosp by Dr. Berman.
 - 17 I came home after about 22 hour stay. Timothy's 8th birthday.
 - 20 E & kids to Baltimore to meet Jody for a day of visiting, R&R
 - E & kids to Harrisburg to visit G-ma E and Uncle Steve
 - 28 E & kids fly to Tacoma to stay w/JAEs

Both so very thankful for my surgery approved by Medicare. No pain except headaches from anesthesia, but extreme fatigue, lack of energy. Jack at SPA 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 19, 23, 30. I hated to think of Elizabeth and children with in-laws for indefinite length of time, wishing we had the space and energy here, but finally faced reality and was thankful they are so very fond of her.

- <u>Dec</u> 1 Jack's surgery on right thumb by Dr. Evans. Two incisions in forearm to remove tendon; two incisions at thumb joint (removing previous plastic joint) to attach tendon; a temporary pin to spread the thumb; large heavy cast for a week. In hospital little over 24 hours. Lots of pain and meds. Smaller cast (in Christmas motif!) On the 8th.
- 9 My 70th birthday! Seems unreal doesn't particularly bother me! Feel younger and less dowdy since surgery.

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- <u>Dec</u> <u>16</u> US starts 4 day bombs and missiles on Iraq for non compliance. A dastardly political tool of Clinton's on starting on the eve of impeachment hearings/vote in the House. They delayed one day, then did business, impeaching Clinton on 2 of 4 charges on Saturday 19th.
- 21 Mother would have been 100 years old today! I started physical therapy here, first of eight sessions to improve health of knees and hips. Feels good!
- 24 Once packages were off, shopping done, it's been lovely, rather peaceful, sufficiently restful. Some snow and increasing cold yesterday, today. In post-surgery and some tiredness it feels mighty good to be here. Delicious meals throughout, usually dining with good friends. Having Gravesons, Coupes, Phil and Darlene in for meals. Christmas lights and decorations outside and in, good music. Stones, Andersons, Barbara Carlin and son in at 1600 for egg nog.
- 25 Peaceful, warm, loving day w/calls from Fred, Steve. Elizabeth called the 23rd that she can return to Kuwait and they'll be here 26th-28th. Mid-day dinner w/Stones, Sally, Atkinsons.
- <u>26-28</u> Elizabeth and kids here Sat evening till Monday night. We met Zaleskis in Leesburg for excellent brunch Sun. E. got some shopping and errands done. So good to see her with me feeling good physically and she in so much better spirits on her way "home". She wanted badly to see Jenni Means and family, and wonderful treat! Laura and Pete had the 6 of us to dinner Mon; Jenni, Scott and three girls staying there, Tom and Marj joined. Eight adults and seven kids. Good food! Fun memories!
 - 29 Will and Diane Coupe here for midday dinner and good visit.
 - 30 Visit and lunch with Sue and Harry, staying at Gray's in Park Fairfax.
- 31 Drinks w/Stones and all joined by Sally Wells for dinner. No desire to go to the big NY dinner dance here. Home, TV, video, reading, bed by 10:30.

Another blessed year, all things considered.

Christmas 1998

Greetings Dear Folks!

In this glorious season when we may allow hurry and stress to distract us, isn't it a marvel to know that our Lord is never too hurried and stressed to meet us! We wish you each a great measure of whatever you most need ... hope, health, love, faith, energy, encouragement ... to carry you through Christmas and a blessed New Year.

In almost three years of living at Falcons Landing, we're spending our first Christmas here. It's not stretching to say it's akin to Williamsburg in festive meals, decorations and activities. We're carrying "retirement" farther than ever! Judy retired from putting ribbon on packages to be mailed and we almost retired from sending Christmas cards. If you love us, please forgive the lack of handwriting. Judy has a persistent benign tremor in her right hand that makes writing a chore. Jack has his right hand in a cast for another four weeks or so.

Jack had surgery for the "reconfiguration" of his right thumb which was more an obstacle than as asset. That was elective surgery, as was some Judy had too in November (not connected with her hand) and she hopes Jack will be as delighted with his results as she is with hers. Those events of Nov/Dec were joined by the arrival of Elizabeth and children on three days notice as they took "optional relocation" from Kuwait where Mark was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in July. They were becoming quite pleased with life there when Saddam's intransigence led to our government's offer (update: read "order") for certain dependents to leave. Even in tired recovery from surgery, it was a delightful distraction to have dear family with us. They are now with Mark's family in Tacoma, awaiting State Department's permission to return to Kuwait, which they know will be delayed in view of present strikes against Iraq.

We both volunteer for various duties in our Wellness Clinic and nursing center. Next month Jack cedes two years of chairing the Chapel Committee, and we both get into full rehearsals for the February staging of a home grown "meller drammer," all hoping it will be the smashing success that our comedy last January was. Jack sings in the choir and chorus and Judy chairs the genealogy group which hosts top speakers and goes on research trips.

March was our last trip to Ft. Polk LA to see Elizabeth and family, an area we won't try to find more reasons to visit! Through April we were in California and Guam. Guam is another place we would not have rated high on our touristing list, except with Fred and family there in his command duty of the Navy's computer and telecommunications facility. Being with family was wonderful as always, and the terrain and history most interesting, especially as pertaining to WWII. Fred has requested retirement on 20 years, as of 1 Oct 99. Elizabeth and full family were here two weeks in June on the brink of departure for Kuwait.

All summer brought record heat and drought here, but also frequent free concerts "on campus" by at least one outstanding vocal or instrumental group from each of the Armed Forces, a special bonus of life in this area. In September we left local heat and humidity for the same in South Carolina and Florida: 50th anniversary of a Navy shipmate, a visit with Steve and family, first visit with Jack's sister and husband in Melbourne and then a submarine reunion.



Praise God for another 10 years since we put friendship in print for your fortieth! On this, the Big Fiftieth, memories and pleasures have multiplied and - God willing! - we'll add more. It was a great God who hitched you up that little while back and has kept you going through the accelerating years since. We ride along so happily in your wake as you preceded us, and piloted us, through our arrival in Manila and at Falcons Landing. You led us into fun filled times at Capon Springs as a foursome and en famille. We did get a little ahead of you in Cursillo! You've god-parented our kid, and let us lay amusing coincidental claim to Judy's blood relation with Mary Jane and Quint through some long ago ancestor with the same distinguished name.

Bill's quick to keep Judy's fame alive about that one-time incident of smoking a cigarette held in her toes. Yes, the same Judy who cannot now lift that foot above the opposite hip, much less to the mouth! And that Bill! No one - but NO one - could apply such smooth wit as in "We're seeing less of you these days" after Judy's - ummm - certain reduction surgery. Humor, with or without a wee nip of spirits, is obviously an energizer of friendship. It even goes back to those days in your living room in Forbes Park when Betsy and Billy liked to creep part way down stairs from their bedtime and listen in because "everybody laughed so much" when we were together. Mary Jane's banter throughout our great photo-op for Falcons Landing kept camera crew and the four of us convulsed and perhaps would have seriously embarrassed all our adult kids.

Our children and grandchildren have given us quite a bond too as the kids have come out on the brighter side of that chaotic and distressing era of their growing up. How experienced we are in philosophizing the differences in then and now. You, your endearing personalities and family have blessed us beyond imagining!

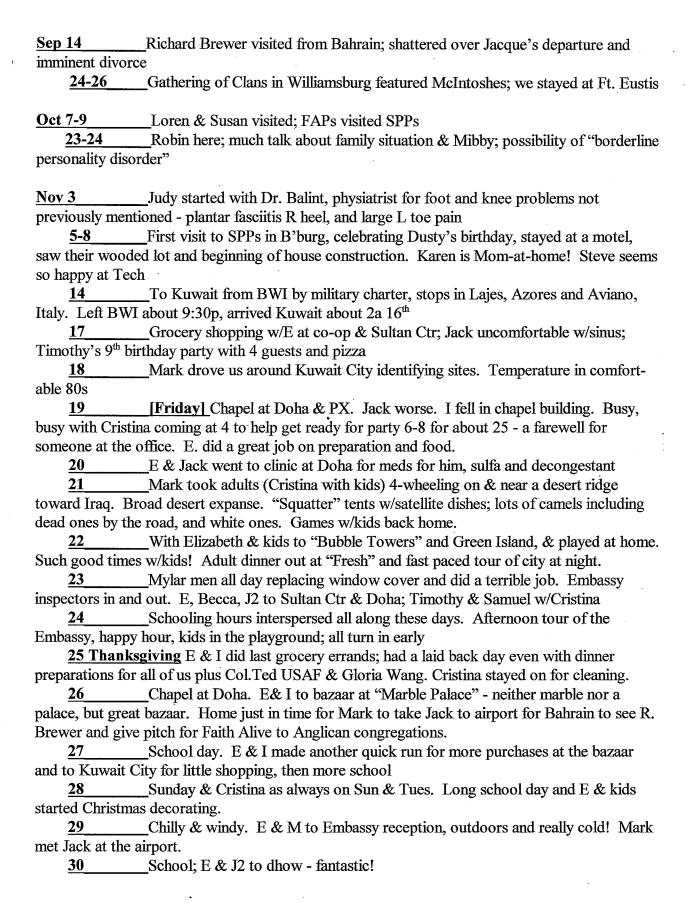
With love and loughs for the sext of our lives ...

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Jan I	Quiet & lazy here at home. Later we learned that Sarah was critically injured in
	g on a stone fish in Guam (often lethal) while trying out her Christmas scuba gear. Very
painful	and many days of recovery.
	Eleven countries joined in Euro currency system.
<u>5</u>	Jack got removable cast after his Dec 1 surgery on right thumb
9	Steve in Geneva on international protocols on warming as affecting forestry
<u>Feb 7</u>	"Moonshine Over Kentucky": Jack was Pa and I a "soiled dove"
· <u>1</u>	Dinner out with Mark enroute from Kuwait to Tampa and Pentagon
<u>Mar 9</u>	14,15 Snow, but no appreciable accumulation
<u> Apr 5</u> -	
<u>7</u> 9	All Edgrens arrived after midnight on home leave from Kuwait All except Mark to Luray Caverns
1	Timothy cut his left (?) hand rather badly ripping open a Lego box with scissors.
	of trips to Ft. Belvoir and stitches.
<u>1</u> :	
	1-22 Judy to Paradise Valley helping Mibby with garage, possessions, business. Kids
	Pat, with children, visited on the 17 th . Some angst and fidgets with attempts to cheer,
	t and organize Mibby, realizing that Ken would soon break the news to her of Lizzie.
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	th and kids; all impressed by their good behavior!
<u>2</u> 9	
3	Jack in Guys & Dolls show
<u>May 1</u>	Paul Scally and Jerry Jones married. Elizabeth and kids to Dumfries to see
friends	
· <u>2</u>	Ken told Mibby about Lizzie. Many days followed of terrible phone calls:
scream	ing, accusations, denials
· . <u>3</u>	We took E and kids to BWI at night for return to Kuwait
7	At Duck with Paul and Jerry, Merle and Louise Allen. Jack not feeling good.
That w	as apparently the beginning of the long on-going malady not settled until December-
tempoi	al arteritis.
<u>1</u>	2Sue Rockefeller had knee surgery
1	4-17 Robin and Eliza went to Houston to meet Lizzie, Bob, Rainey and Arianna
2	Jack and I went to Columbia for one overnight w/Nancy Pearlstine, then
2	8-31 To Summerville for last visit to Steve & Karen. Their house has been sold,
they're	renting, and everything resolved for his position at Tech. Had a family outing to Cypress
Garder	s, and guests at an office picnic for them

Jun 1-2	_With Pat and Diane Burke in Hanahan SC
4-5	Susan Duncan was fired and left; great cause celebre; much anger at the way the
administration 1	handled it
10	Jack very uncomfortable with cough, laryngitis, headaches; to Hermansen; no
conclusion (also	o later included in temporal arteritis diagnosis)
. 19	o later included in temporal arteritis diagnosis) Granddaughter had bad break to upper ride arm at a jump; the day before
packers came t	o pack out from Guam; hours in ER, great pain, uncertainty about treatment
Jul 4	By this time all FAPs arrived from Guam via Japan, with Cookie and Milo;
stayed in Hous	ton with Bennetts
<u>5</u>	102 degrees here; we didn't even go to fireworks in Leesburg; 103 on the 6 th ;
down to 95 on	the 7 th
<u>10-17</u>	_Fred stayed with us for interviews and job hunting, then flew back to Houston
<u>20-28</u>	
buy, accepted a	a position with Booz-Allen
22	Steve's last day w/Westvaco, then drove to Blacksburg and started in new caree
as associate pro	ofessor in department of natural resources on the 26th
28	F&D left, stopped by B'burg to see Steve, then on to Houston
Aug 5-6	SPPs moved into B'burg rental house: 306 Woodbine Dr.
5	Fred left car in Houston w/Donna et al, flew back here to move into company
furnished apart	tment in Crystal City
6	Fred started work with Booz Allen, but they didn't get the contract they hired
him for, and he	e's sentenced to the beginning of boredom
9	Jack & Fred to Baltimore to pick up his Jeep from Guam
10	Jack ailing again, no diagnosis; cough, hoarse, headaches at top of scalp
13	Mark here about 8 hours; good visit; Fred Metro-ed out to join for dinner in
Vienna	
20	Sue King in hospital; critically ill; heart problem
21	Donna, girls and pets arrive by car to move into apartment w/Fred, farming out
pets to friends	
22-27(?)	Steve to Netherlands for more of the Kyoto Protocols conference
28	FAPs move into 4032 Old Hickory Rd, Annandale, borrowing furniture and
necessities fro	m family and friends; Guam shipment another 2-3 weeks in arriving
29	Nell Herrick died in Aiken GA
31	Jack still gets no help from favorite ENT as to his troubles
Sep 1	Jack came home sick from SPA
2	Coffee at Sr Center for Susan Duncan by us, Stones, Lotzs, Helen Smeltz
3	Jack had MRI - no conclusion
	Hurricane Dennis brought badly needed rain; no significant problems here
$\frac{4}{7}$	Sarah & Elizabeth to Woodson & Frost schools, 10 th & 8 th grades
	Jack had CT scan - no conclusion
11	Tommy Riley married Shelby Lake; we went to wedding/recpt
12	Went to Renaissance Festival w/FAPs; always fun
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Dec 1 I went to clinic at Doha, sinus(?). Wanted prevention before flight home.				
Then with E, kids, Jack for silver and gold shopping. I fell again - clogs at fault?				
E & J2 to Fahaheel for "little things" shopping. Cristina w/kids. Jack got a				
sickie stomach, stayed home while E, kids and I went to camel races.				
Chapel and home to pack. Checked in airport at 2300. Cold! DV lounge sor				
of crummy and very chilly till leaving about 0500 on Saturday 4th. Aviano at 1100 and DV loung	e			
till boarding at 1315, left at 1410. Arrived Lajes 1830, left 2015. Arrived BWI at 0140 Sunday				
body time, or 1740 local				
5Jack had terrible cough, headaches; to Dr Koh on 6 th				
9 My 71 st birthday; Jack at SPA, dinner at FL w/Becky Wagner				
Sarah w/us on weekend while F&D do anniversary trip to Richmond and				
Petersburg				
Jack to Dr. Koh. <u>Finally</u> diagnosed w/ temporal arteritis and put on predni-				
sone.				
Judy to Koh, three days of erratic malaise; blood pressure 180/100! Never				
had such trouble before. Possibly from extended use of anti-inflammatory for feet, knees. Starte	d			
on Ziac for b/p				
Overnight Xmas Eve at FAPs and to church at Apostles. Loving, relaxing,				
easy time.				
Afternoon visit to Gray's, Sue and Harry; Bob, Tammy, Corey came by.				
Jack to Koh, showing great improvement from headaches and cough; still				
hoarse, lack of energy.				
Dinner at South Mountain Inn with Terri Z, her mother, Sharon Hall, Jack Z				
stayed home with Tristan when baby sitter came down sick. Great dinner but incredibly loud,				
rowdy and boring :-<				
Early dinner with Thornton & Mary Liz Burnet at her invitation. Stayed				
home instead of formal party in auditorium or casual one in lounge. Jack really not "up to snuff"	,			
and honestly, not me either.				
Lots of superb festive dinners through holidays. Weeks/months of concern over terrorism				
and Y2K glitches due to 2000. We puttered around and watched TV. Borrring! But all we				
wanted to do. Feel like I definitely got older this year. Therefore, especially pleased with my				
"camel event" at the races!				

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love said to me...

"Isn't it time we think about sending out Christmas letters?" Now, dear friends and family, I indeed thought about Christmas letters since the second week in November! But due to local and foreign travels, and the "bugs" that came home with us, we focused on the peace of Christ and healing mercies, setting aside some of the "shoulds" in life. A very peaceful season it was!

We've delighted in your cards and letters, taking peaceful moments with them - and you - to laugh, to sympathize, to remember. Now we pray blessings for you in the New Year and ask that you consider with humor and forgiveness that this is perhaps your first greeting card of Y2000.

Life at Falcons Landing is a continuing delight in comfort, friendships and activity. We've adapted well to being spoiled. Meals are so delicious Judy is purposely forgetting how to cook, and Jack's maintenance is reduced to the car and twice-annual clock changes. Our abundant life even includes two loving and serving Christian congregations: one, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, and the other, the FL chapel, served regularly by a choice variety of pastors of all protestant denominations, active duty and retired military chaplains, and a few civilians.

Jack is happy and understandably a little smug about being still in demand for consulting in his area of expertise on "threat assessments." Son Fred retired after 20 years (time flies!) in the Navy, took a job in the Washington area with a military contracting firm and settled his family in nearby Annandale. We're all making up family time lost during their two years in Guam!

Steve, Karen and sons made at least as dramatic a change in leaving forest industry professions in South Carolina for academia in Blacksburg VA. Steve is associate professor in natural resources at Virginia Tech (How about that football team this year!) and Karen is mom-at-home for the first time. Her new talented endeavor is superintending construction of their home in the country, only 10 minutes from campus. For us, this move halves the trip time to Summerville.

Elizabeth, Mark and children are still in Kuwait. You may recall Elizabeth and children came to the States last year over Christmas on recommended evacuation. The whole family was here on home leave in the Spring. Elizabeth has traveled with friends to Istanbul, then to Muscat, Oman, with the children for a week visiting American friends. She very likely will be in Egypt soon on a tour with their Army Chapel. Mark and Timothy, 9, "did Europe" independently by rail. Their life there is enriching, reassuringly safe and very comfortable.

From mid-November well into December Jack and Judy were in Kuwait, thanks to the adventure of a military space available flight. It was quite a "cultural experience," even to insane driving practices. We went sightseeing, 4-wheeling on a desert plateau, to camel races, shopping in the bazaars, to Army chapel services with pews full of troops just rotating back from the front lines at the Iraqi border. Most especially we enjoyed true prime time with family, including watching and participating in home-schooling classes.

And that, dear folks, the trip to and from Kuwait, and minor ailments on coming home, was the principal reason that we just sort of didn't get around to our annual check-in until now. But at this late date we wish you and all those whom you love God's blessings.

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JANUARY

- 3 -- 68 degrees broke records
- 4 -- 68 again; Tech lost Sugar Bowl to FSU; highest score ever in that bowl
- 8 -- Steve to Geneva till 15th on Kyoto Accord
- 12-19 to San Francisco, join Robin, Pat and Eliza to Truckee; joined soon by Bob, Lizzie, Rainey and Arianna; next day by Ken, Patricia, Jack, Henry sledding, games, Squaw Valley, Tahoe Jack's birthday there. Back in SF, terrible time with Mibby tainting our relationship for months
- 15-21 Elizabeth to Egypt
- 17 on Judy with acute gastroenteritis for couple of weeks; stress from Mibby?
- 25 about 12" snow
- 28 Jack got new hearing aids; antibiotics for sinus
- 30 another 10-12"

FEBRUARY

- 5 at FAPs for Fred's 44th birthday
- 19 dinner with Mark, here from Kuwait
- -78 degrees

MARCH

- 3-5 Epiphany men's retreat
- 8 85 degrees!
- 29 Jack's CT scan; soon diagnosed as temporal arteritis

APRIL

26-27 – Jack to Annapolis, Naval Institute

MAY

- 2 Elizabeth & kids ARR from Kuwait, pick up new car next day
- 4 Jack has colonoscopy OK
- -E. & kids in new car to Leavenworth, Kansas; Mark met them there by air
- 14 MGEs back from KS with a contract on their first purchased home, they all returned to Kuwait the 17th
- 20-23 JPPs to Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill for Shaun Kelley's graduation from Chapel Hill

JUNE

- 2-5 to Blacksburg! SPPs new house! Regularly attending Blacksburg Christian Fellowship!
- 10 JPP 46th anniversary! Celtic Festival with FAPs; p.m. Thumbs at Watsons' (?)
- 28 MGE packers in Kuwait

JULY

- 3-6 MGEs here, then to Leavenworth; Steve here for few hours after they left
- 17 Judy to FL podiatrist for toenail fungus (now in January it's pretty well cleared up)

AUGUST

11-14 – plane and rental car to David and Mary Karrick's in NH for mini-Kelley reunion; dinner in Andover with Jack & Judy Avery before returning home

SEPTEMBER

- 10-12 Capon Springs w/Stones, Radlinskis, Bergums
- 15 Dinner w/Red Brewer passing through from Kuwait to CentCom, Tampa

OCTOBER

- 5 MGEs to Washington state for (3?) weeks, duty for Mark
- 6-8 Epiphany parish retreat at Massanetta Springs; great disappointment in lack of friendliness and accommodations
- 11 outdoor front drain fixed New violence in Israel
- 12 Terrorist attack on USS Cole refueling in Aden harbor, Yemen; 15 or so dead, missing
- 12-15 Jack at submarine reunion in Kings Bay GA
- 20 Judy has Dexxa 1 bone scan and mammogram; all appraently clear both areas
- 27-30 Blacksburg visiting SPPs

NOVEMBER

- Join Sue and Harry at Marco Polo for lunch during their visit to Gray, Bob, Tammy; evening at Bob & Tammy's with FAPs and HCRs minus Gray
- New glasses for Judy; Jack's prescription recently changed too
 Election night at Gravesons', Alexandria, with Chinese dinner delivered. By our
 departure about 11 returns were going crazy, but without a clue as to how bad it would
 get before it was all over...and just beginning. Gravesons back to Florida w/her mother.
- 16 Judy's colonoscopy; all OK
- 20 Judy starts gum treatment w/Dr. Wyman
- 26 Florida decides for Bush in viciously contested election
- Jack Grubbs our guest for lunch; beginning of our association with "planting" Potomac Falls Church

DECEMBER

- 1 US Supreme Court throws election problem back to FL Supreme Court (SCOFLA[/W]
- 1-2 Jack on Epiphany men's retreat
- 3 Home meeting, Eucharist, get acquainted with Jack and Susan Grubbs & adherents
- 8 FL Supreme Court orders partial recount
- 9-10 Robins's 24 hour visit; F,D and E also for awhile. ** Elizabeth P gets horse, Duro, a miracle of care, interest and trust
- Gore finally conceded with surprising grace, but the battle goes on with threats, criticism, claims of "stolen election" etc etc
- -3" snow
- Packed, ready to drive to Leavenworth, to MGEs, but waiting, calling, fidgeting for promised UPS box of gift books which never came till after we left

Christmas 2000

Dear Friends,

In answer to the usual question - "are you ready for Christmas?", no, but for the real reason for the season - the birth of Christ, yes! So, we send on our

prayers for a very blessed Christmas season to you and yours.

Both sons and families are settled in Virginia and daughter and family are now in Leavenworth, Kansas. Unlike the last three years, with exotic travels to Bahrain, Guam, and Kuwait, this year has been one of peace, contentment, and good health at home. We did begin the year with a glorious snow weekend with young relatives near Tahoe. We will end it with a drive to Kansas for Christmas with our daughter and family (husband selected for promotion to Lt. Colonel). We made a weekend trip to New Hampshire for a mini-reunion with Jack's side of the family in August, and Jack enjoyed a submarine reunion in Kings Bay, Georgia in October. A focus of the new year will be our involvement in the planting of a new Episcopal Church here in the Cascades - now in the very early stages. Even here "on campus" at Falcons Landing, life is not boring, with many activities. Jack is still needed in the world of Intelligence Analysis, and Judy is never without projects.

The Prisleys

January
30 Home at 3:30 from Christmas with MGEs in Leavenworth. Bitter cold, snow, ice, and an ice dam on roof and gutter causing leak into house and several hours Xmas Eve for Mark (and Jack) working it. We stayed in neighbors' house. Saw Becca at her Western pleasure riding. Truly peaceful, loving Christmas! O/N at Scott AFB en route home. Snow and ice nearly all the way, but no personal hazards. 16Fred met us at That's Amore for Jack's birthday dinner; poor connections, late, but fun
20Pres. George W. Bush inaugurated
February
1Starting at 186# I finally got purposeful about losing weight 7First tissue transplants in gum surgery by Dr. Wyman
March
7First Alpha class by Potomac Falls Epis. Church at borrowed church nearby, continued weekly through 23 rd May, except for Holy Week; also one 24 hour "retreat". Launch team for PFEC also meeting weekly at homes
16-18Jack on Falls Church men's retreat
22-24SPPs here
26Judy's MRI in search for what was bothering left leg from hip down 28Started seeing Dr. Balint re above; sports medicine doctor 29Second gum surgery w/tissue transplants
31Liz Graveson's marriage to Gary Wright
April
1US surveillance planes hit by Chinese aircraft and forced down in China. Their pilot crashed and died. Our people held until the 13 th .
15MGEs arrived late afternoon
17Judy started physical therapy 21MGEs to PA for Uncle Steve's wedding, back on 22nd for brunch here. On 23 rd Mark flew to TX; E and children left by car for Kansas
May
2Judy started diet
15 "Fab 5" production; we were in it; celebrating five years of Falcons Landing
30Third and last gum surgery by Wyman
June
9First time to volunteer at the Celtic Festival
23Elizabeth's 1st registered horse show
July
15The Falls Church commissioning service for Potomac Falls Church 19 & 21Fun w/Sarah and Elizabeth's activities; 19 th pick E up from stable and dinner at FAPs for her 15 th b'day. 21 st , attend Sarah's Tong Soo Doh testing.
August
2SPPs visited FAPs and we joined the 2 nd for dinner there for Sarah's 17 th b'day
5PFC's first service at Horizon Elementary
13-Sep 10—Elizabeth in Germany for horse training, riding, working

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September	
9/11 !Another "Day of Infamy" as Muslim suicide terrorists crashed 4 US airliners into two	
World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon, and a field in PA. A day of heroism,	
fear and assertive patriotism	
30PFC opened to public with large attendance at Horizon Elementary	
October	
By now there were anthrax letters and a few deaths	
7US began strikes against Afghanistan Taliban and al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden	
10/11Sorrow and dread struck us with Steve's visit and information that Karen was	
diagnosed 8?/9? years ago with multiple sclerosis	
17After 30+ years with Dr. Bath, Vienna dentist, and the man who replaced him on B's	
retirement I changed to Dr. Mercantini	
26-31Both of us to San Francisco to visit Robin & family with one overnight with Mibby.	
One afternoon and evening with Ken, Patricia and boys; Muriel to dinner one night;	
out and about with Eliza and Robin; great farmers' market; Eliza's karate	
November	
10To Woodson H.S. for Sarah's musical	
17To Sarah's testing for green belt	
18All day for Judy w/Fred, Donna and E for show trials, a rare performance of meteor	
showers which we didn't see through thick fog. A great good time of being involved.	
Jack couldn't go because of church commitment and committee meeting.	
22Thanksgiving at FAPs w/Britta & husband and another rider; good time	()
December	\cup
3-10Judy only to Kansas City by air, to Leavenworth to visit E & kids, Mark in Korea. Such	
a good time! PWOC, E. capable leader of small group, Timothy at chess club, 70	
degrees one day! Out to dinner once, Rebecca's riding and she won a race. Walk to the	
park; to a toy store for the kids to look, and back again for E & me to buy for Christmas.	
Becca started a tummy bug making her fairly sick, and went quickly to and through E &	
me, then Samuel, finally Timothy, leaving him ailing longer. "Did" my birthday on 7th,	
played games, read Cherished family time, even sickish.	
mild weather in KS and on return to VA. To Sarah's excellent choral program	
22-26To Blacksburg and SPPs. Karen functioning so well with some relaxation of standards.	
All to church Sunday & Xmas Eve for good worship; boys in church with us. Dinner	
out once; movies Xmas Eve afternoon with S, Jack, Tucker to Fellowship of the Ring,	
Dusty & me to some mediocre animated thing. But he was so good and good company	
waiting for the other long movie to be out.	
Christmas endearing for Tucker's organization and starting prayer for the real meaning of the day. Romanian grad student, wife & daughter to dinner and the afternoon. First time S&K invited	
guests in during one of our visits! We were delighted! Close, loving, pleasant, peaceful.	
27Fred, Sarah join us for F'ship of the Ring; Jack and Sarah's 2 nd time, Fred's and my 1 st .	
28Thornton Burnet died.	
29Sue, Harry, Gray, Bob came for noon dinner and the afternoon.	
31Quietly at home and to bed before midnight.	
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Dear Family, who are also Friends, and Friends who are like Family:

In all of the anxieties and tensions caused by today's worldwide events, peace may seem elusive. Yet our Lord said to His disciples "I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble, but I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, NIV). From Paul, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13, NIV)

This has been perhaps the quietest and most at-home year in a long time for us. We did take a trip in October to San Francisco to enjoy the warm hospitality' of our niece Robin, plus a visit with Judy's brother and sister-in-law and our nephew Ken and family. This month, Judy spent a week with Elizabeth and children in Leavenworth, Kansas, while son-in-law Mark led a Warfighter Exercise in Korea. Elizabeth continues to home school with Timothy in grade 5, Rebecca in 4, and Samuel in Kindergarten. Timothy is into soccer and chess-winning local chess club matches and starring. Rebecca does Western pleasure horseback riding, and Samuel does T-ball and 5-year old active activities.

Jack continues to work part-time for SPA, averaging a couple of days a week. We have the usual run of doctors appointments, besides social and volunteer activities on and off campus that keep most of our calendar squares filled. Life continues good here at Falcons Landing, and we really wouldn't be anywhere else! Jack shares teaching at a weekly evening Bible Study, and a weekly morning men's fellowship and Bible Study. Judy forges ahead, compiling voluminous notebooks of family history. We enjoy regular visits with son Fred and family in nearby Annandale, watching granddaughter Sarah (17) advance toward black belt in martial arts. Granddaughter Elizabeth (15) steadily matures in dressage performance with her own horse. We get to see son Steve and family in Blacksburg occasionally where, as an Assistant Professor, he "works harder and enjoys it more than any previous job". Tucker and Dustin do scouting with Steve, and soccer, keeping their parents busy.

Other than that, much of our time has been occupied with the start-up of a new church here in the Cascades called The Potomac Falls Episcopal Church. We began by joining what was called the Launch Team in January. The group met regularly for prayer, planning, and worship in homes, until the end of July. Some 20 of us began meeting in an elementary school a few blocks from Falcons Landing the first Sunday in August. The Launch Team and volunteers from the historic Falls Church (our sponsor) were charged with figuring out how to set up for services, and do it smoothly. By now we had acquired a sound system, a laptop and projector to show all the prayers and hymns on a large screen, a makeshift altar, processional cross (a gift from The Falls Church), and some musical instruments. Our first public, advertised service was September 30, with 200 folks attending! We have met there each Sunday morning since, with an average attendance of 130 or so, including children. Eighteen adults and children were baptized early in November at our first such service. A very exciting process! We are now seeking land on which we might erect a church building - a long process.

That is a basic review of our year, sent with love and warmest prayers for a blessed Christmas season for each of you, and for a great 2003!





- 11----Young George Graveson's retirement luncheon; all Gs there, Fred & Donna, we two
- 12----Deby G's party for all the gang
- 14-----We join Gravesons at Fellows'; just like old times!
 19----2-3" snow
- 23----My accident on #7; right front wheel hit propane cylinder that fell out of pickup truck and rolled out of my line of vision. God was with me! In fairly heavy traffic I got off the left shoulder with no collision for me or others. Solicitous guy driving pickup very nice. Jack and AAA came; Chevvy to shop for repair which truck driver covered in full. From there to our first appointment with Dr. Kim.
- 25----Sarah's excellent "Dessert on Broadway" show at Woodson
- 26----With several women from Potomac Falls Ep. Church attended The Falls Church retreat at Dulles Marriott. Very strange and unpleasant experience!
- 28-31----Judy ill continuing several days into February. Several odd symptoms recounted in ... medical "diary" for weeks.

Jack worked 3 days for SPA

February

- 1-2----Jack to Diocesan Council
 - Thumbs on 1st
- 5-----Ophthomologist Boutros diagnosed classic migraine
- 6-----Internist Kim said absolute "No" to the above.
- 7----Routine mammogram
- 8-----Appointment w/ENT Hermansen concerning possibility of sinus involvement "None"
- 13-----Kim thyroid test
 15-----Jack had bone density test

I had CT scan of head, neck, shoulders

- 19-----Judy to neurologist, then for blood/urine test
- 22----Stopped prednisone which Kim was using diagnostically
- 27----Judy had MRI
- 28---- " to neurologist; he found no problems

Jack worked 3 days for SPA

March

- 1----Neurologist prescribed neurontin
- 9-----Jack to ER; heavy blood in urine; too much coumadin suspected culprit
- 11-12-Jack sick
- 13-----Jack had kidney sonogram; OK
- 15-16-Jack on men's retreat
- 15----Judy with F,D&E to Sarah's "Jesus Christ Superstar" and O/N with FAPs
- 20----Judy to Boutros who plugged tear ducts for dry eyes, newly admitted diagnosis though it had been for my records with him for five years
- 22----Jack to Walter Reed, entering trials for new style hearing aids involving several visits and



final receipt of new aids, his second pair.

No SPA work. Several additional doctors' appointments additional to those mentioned.

April

2-----Judy ended neurontin; nothing changed in a month

10-20-MGEs in area, at Belvoir, with us, in FL guest room, out with friends, to FAPs, to the pool here, Reston Animal Park, Mark to Atlanta and back, brief visit with SPPs on return trip

12----Judy had blood test for Sjogren's Syndrome; inconclusive

16-17-Record breaking heat for the season, 92F

30----Jack's cataract surgery, left eye

Jack at SPA 6 days

May

8-----Judy starts to Balint and physical therapy for SI joint, IT band, muscle pain from hip and glutes down to ankle and foot. PT w/injections continues for 6 wks

24---- "Rolling Thunder" Harley group here and we all got motorcycle rides around campus
Thumbs here and for the first time fed them in the Big House instead of at home
Jack at SPA 5 days

June

7-----First appt in Johns Hopkins eye clinic w/Gottsch; confirm dry eyes, cataract maturing ·

10-----Uneventful 48th - who feels like it?

14----Visit FAPs, see Sarah & Elizabeth ready for Sarah's prom, 8 or 10 "buddies" going as a group including E.

18----Sarah's graduation from Woodson

19----J2 only to E's show at Morven Park; last one we do here

24----Judy to FAPs all day, cleaning before putting house on market

26----Jef Fall here for 2-3 hours; we finally met. He's just as I expected; very pleasant.

Jack started "diabetes school" with Bill Stone. What a positive move and good difference
28----SPPs here from Dulles O/N for lovely visit on their return from great 3 wks in Alaska;
leave for B'burg 29th a.m.

June through August the 3rd hottest regionally in 131 yrs of records. Worst was 1936, 2nd, 1934.

Frequent dr's appts for J2, plus Judy's PT 2x wk. Jack at SPA 3 days

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10-----Judy's 1st appt at Nat'l Institute for Dental and Cranial Research (NIH) with potential for Sjogren's trials.

13-31-MGEs to WA State; kids in day camp with cousins

18-----Rich Haver & wife here for dinner and his address to "the gathering"

23-----NIH date of test? For dry eyes and salivary glands? Both too mild to classify as Sjogrens Quieter schedule but so very hot, humid and red alert on air, little socializing or activity

31-----Steve arrives on business bringing Tucker and Dusty for their first visit here on their own!

No SPA this month

August

- 1-3----Tucker and Dusty here; very special for us! To the Navy Yard for ships and museum on the 2nd. To the pool often. Steve met us at the Rain Forest Café the 2nd, spent the night w/us and all left 3rd a.m.
- 9-----NIH again. Fred's last day at Booze-Allen.
- 14-----Judy at FAPs cleaning for move. Steve and Behan helped load their U-Haul truck.
- 15-----Meet Steve and Behan, Bulgarian grad student, to eat at Silver Diner
- 16-----FAPs arrive Florida; household things in storage in Eustis; stay w/Bennetts in Leesburg Rod drove Elizabeth down earlier to start school the 8th in Cocoa Beach, living w/DeeAnne. Sarah checked in to FIT the 18th

Jack and Bill continue "diabetes school." Worked 8 days at SPA.

September

- 11-----Remembrance of last year's terrorist attacks. Second appt at Johns Hopkins eye clinic and Judy gets referral to Dr. Essepian in Reston, much more convenient and well recommended. Mark on TDY at Ft. Knox for six months w/fairly liberal visits home.
- 24----Fr. Rob Merola our guest at lunch and we split from PFEC to join St. Matthew's. I am so pleased and relieved!
- 29-6—Steve in Rio, Brazil for Intergovernmental Plan on Climate Control, the group that has already taken him to meetings in Rome, Brussels and Switzerland.
 - 8 days for Jack at SPA.

October

- 2-----Arnett died peacefully of pneumonia; he would be 81 in December
- 5-7---Jack and I to SF; met by Patrick and Eliza to drive to Paradise Valley. Stayed in guest
- room; Mibby's been in ALU for several months. She's so strange, unemotional, distanced.... meds? Not a very satisfying funeral at church. Good to be with Robin, Ken and families.
- 6----Steve back home from IPCC meet in Rio; he enjoys the travel and acquaintances.
- 13-20—Jack and I flew to Kansas City, visit w/Liz and children while Mark's traveling from Ft.
- Knox. 15th-Jack stayed home with Timothy and Angel, enjoying soccer, games, reading,
- relaxation. Liz, Becca, Samuel and I drove to DeSmet SD, stayed at B&B, touristed sites and history of Ingalls family of Little House on the Prairie books. Such pleasure to do things together with them in closeness. Back to Leavenworth the 17th. 18th- all of us to Kansas City and the
- fascinating SS Arabia museum. Flew home after church the 20th.
- 22----Tom Woods visited! Haven't seen him since Quillback days before we married. He was to have been an usher. Had to leave the Navy on his father's death. Dear friend Swip died many years ago. She shared room with me when we went to Havana to meet the Q in 1952.
- 24-----Steve arrived by car and Fred by air to go to Annapolis tomorrow for Arnett's burial. Elizabeth flew directly into BWI, rented car and drove to Annapolis, meeting up with all Taylors at the motel. Steve drove us over Friday a.m. for warm, fine service at St. Margaret's, military service at the columbarium at USNA. It now begins to sneak up on me how arid these last years without Arnett have been and how much I will miss my brother as he was. Reception at USNA O Club; family time in Fred & Steve's suitlat night. Liz off to BWI at 7, we on the road home by 9. Steve left on dropping us off and Fred stayed overnight very blessed time together left from Dulles Sunday a.m.

28----Jack had helpful "zap" on eye for post-cataract problem. Three days at SPA.

November

- 5-----Election day: GOP held onto the House and narrowly took the Senate!
- 15----Started paxil for depression; have inwardly felt quite miserable for some time
- 28----Thanksgiving at FL w/Schneiders, Dot Huddleston, Molly Van Harlingen, Quint Atkinson, Craig McKee, Schneiders' son and his "helper"

Jack had 2 days w/SPA

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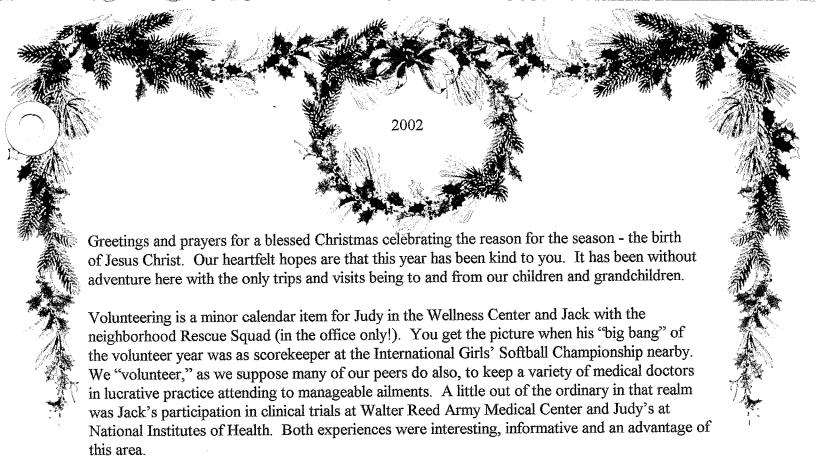
December

- 5-----Snow 2"(?) Snow
- 9-----My 74th; nothing special in activity, but special slender dolphin bud base from Jack ___
- -----Much more socializing than usual-----
- 22----Sue & Harry, Gray & Bob to Sunday brunch and afternoon visit

 Later, Steve & Dusty arrived to "chauffeur" us down to B'burg for Christmas. S and Jack
 made ritual hard sauce.
- 23-26- Lovely Christmas with SPPs; Tolkein's "Two Towers" movie Eve afternoon. Snow and very high wind starting evening. Carols, readings and homily at their BCF. Unpressured, unstructured time together. Bulgarian grad student, Behan, to Christmas dinner. On 26th S. (without Dusty) drove us back home and spent the night for such very special close and comfortable time. He left for return trip Friday 27th.

Christmas Eve here brought far more snow than in B'burg! It was the 9th whitest Christmas on record in these parts in 131 years of records. On the ground until rains into January. Jack had 9 (?) days at SPA.

I tell myself this is the year I got old - and felt it! The world isn't in very good shape either. Too many libs, emphasis on ethnic diversity rather than absorption of Americans, terrorism throughout the world, some ethnically organized, some like the random sniper killings by two black Muslims in the DC, MD, VA region. UN weapons inspectors into Iraq and promise of war if they don't cooperate. Financial problems abound and FL will give highest ever rate increase. Too much bad news.... The major blessings and thanksgivings are for our children, their spouses, our grandchildren, and growth in Christian committment.



Jack's part-time work with SPA where he has been associated for 18 years became very 'part' with not much 'time' as Navy budget priorities changed and funding dried up. He is still on the rolls though and enjoys the challenges as opportunities arise.

We're a trifle sorry for us and delighted for Fred and family in fulfillment of their retirement dream to live in Florida. Three years of having them nearby was great pleasure especially in sharing the girls' high school activities. Sarah is a freshman at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne and Elizabeth is a junior at Cocoa Beach High School, each feeling she is in 'just the right place.' The perfect job for Fred still awaits him out there somewhere but they're also confident in being where they most want to be.

Steve and family are wedded to university life as he forges on toward achieving tenure as a professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Too bad about that football team this month! Those four Prisleys are a great group in maintaining activities that could daunt those with lesser spirit than Karen shows in her stalwart defiance of multiple sclerosis.

Elizabeth and family remain in Leavenworth, living in town, not on Post. LCOL Mark is on 6-months temporary duty at Ft. Knox KY, but gets home once or twice a month for a weekend. Her six years of homeschooling the three youngsters pay off in articulate, advanced boys and girl of 11, 10 and 6. Scheduling is delightfully flexible too, allowing visits here and there at variance with public school calendars.

With our love and the immortal words of Tiny Tim concluding Dickens' "Christmas Carol," "God Bless Us Every One!"

Jack and Judy



'02 brought the 9th whitest Christmas in 131 years!

January -

- 11.....Kelleys here for short afternoon visit
- 22.....coldest day since 4 Feb '96
- 27.....Judy had left cataract removed

Fred went to work for Sverdrup w/CentCom in Tampa Jack worked 7 days for SPA

February

1......Columbia space shuttle exploded 15 minutes before landing

- 7.....6-7" snow
- 15.....2-3" snow
- 16.....15-20" snow
- 26.....snow
- 27.....snow
- 28.....6" snow

Jack worked 8 days for SPA

March

Jack worked 3 days for SPA before

- 14.....J2 flew to FL for a long visit w/F&D which included: meeting Sarah's friend Nick; tour of FIT campus; Elizabeth's chorus competition; to Tampa w/Fred to see Norm and Joan Walker and take F to Orlando airport for business trip to TX.
- 17.....Pres Bush gave 48 hour notice for assault on Iraq; J2 visited Sue and Harry
- 19.....J2 to Plantation to visit Gravesons; bombing of Iraq began about 9:30p
- 21.....J2 return to Cocoa Beach and Fred home from TX; continuing good times to church; joined by Sarah and Nick for dinner out; to E's stable; dinner out with HCRs; Jack and Sarah to Space Center; J2 browsing Cocoa Beach Historical Society; all to Sarah's "M.A.S.H." at FIT
- 30.....Donna to Leesburg leaving off the cat, and to Nashville for E-Fleet conference
- 31.....Fred to work in Tampa; J2 to HCR's; Elizabeth to Virginia on Spring break to work w/Britta

April

- 1....J2 back home
- 9-10.....Baghdad falls
- 21...J2 to Kansas; 26th Mark & Liz off for 18th anniversary; 29th they return home and so do we A month of physical therapy and trigger point injections for Judy for hip, thigh, leg, IT band?

May

- 9.....Jack's carpal tunnel surgery; no driving for a month
 - 22...Elizabeth P. to Mare Field near Winchester to work Duro w/Britta; bad experience and final separation from Duro for sale

May (cont) Smpala

24...bought Chevvy Lumina in Winchester

29...7 years at Falcons Landing!

Jack worked 3 days at SPA; I continued appointments w/Dr. Balint and injections; Jack not healing real well from carpal tunnel surgery

June

- 10.....our 49th anniversary; Jack can finally drive again
- 14....Sally Stone married Chris ? at Grace Episcopal
- 19-22....Saw FAPs briefly for E's riding event and they take her back to FL, leaving Duro
- 25.....Dinner with HCRs at Marco Polo
- 26....Dick Coupe's service at Arlington Cemetery columbarium; saw Richard and Will Steve and boys arrive; Steve to meeting till 27th pm; they all leave the 28th

July

Through first 4 weeks of July I was in the Benedictine "workshop" 10-2 each Tue/Thu at St. Matthew's; also on the seminarian committee meeting each Tue night.

- 7.....Sarah and Nick here for dinner during visit to his parents in Ashburn
- 16...Judy's knee x-rays preliminary to surgery
- 24...Rosenberger family here for dinner/Gathering
- 29...Judy's MRI for lower back, hips

August

In retrospect, filling out a pretty lousy, dull, boring summer; too many doctor's appointments for minor ills and ailments. Jack worked 4 days at SPA.

26.....Jack fell outdoors of bank; nothing broken, minor soreness, but ghastly bruising of entire left arm slowly took hold. X-rays, MRI, for previous and possibly damaged back pains.

September

Another physically depressing month.

- 13....Jack admitted to Reston Hospital via ER for fever of undetermined origin; probably due to the immense blood accumulation in his left arm. Home on the 16th.
- 18....Storm, not hurricane, Isabel; little damage around here but much elsewhere
- 23-26...Judy in Reston Hospital for total joint replacement, left knee. 25th Donna arrived, stayed till Oct 2(?)

October

Jack at SPA 4 days; also having PT for shoulder. Judy had 3+ weeks PT at home, then to FL rehab w/Jack.

November

Jack had 6 days at SPA. Otherwise another month of PT and doctors' appointments until 24.....We flew to Kansas for Thanksgiving with Elizabeth, Mark and children. Really good time except I still had real difficulty on stairs. The 29th Mark left for Korea and we came home Dec 1.

December

- 1.....Home from Kansas after lovely visit
- 4-5...8" snow
- 12...Steve overnight and with us and Barbara Carlin for holiday buffet
- 14...Saddam Hussein captured
 - 4" snow

22-27.....Steve here overnight and drove us down to B'burg. A lovely time with all; all but Karen to The Return of the King; Christmas Eve lessons & carols at church; Jack w/bad bronchitis, not feeling too bad except for cough. Back here w/Steve 27th and his turn around return trip.through NY Eve and Day Jack feeling increasingly ill and in pain with no clue as to cause.

This was also the year of debacle for the Episcopal church with the ordination of a homosexual bishop, increasing activism of American Anglican Committee and the prospect of a schism that may be in God's will to cleanse the church.

CHRISTMAS GREETING AND BLESSINGS!

First and last paragraphs are a reprise of our greeting of '03. New news is in between.

With the world in travail, beset by war, crime, poverty, cruelty, immorality, how can we, except by keeping Christ in Christmas, thank God for what is past, find joy in the present, and anticipate the future with hopeful trust?

- > Thanks to George Mason U classes in a nearby location we enjoyed Osher Lifelong Learning opportunities for 10 weeks. We were both in computer class. Jack engaged in dramatic reading and Judy in writing childhood memories.
- > Straight from our last class we flew to Norway to visit daughter Elizabeth, her husband Mark, and their children (16,14,10) living in Stavanger where (COL) Mark is senior US Army officer at a NATO post. We explored fjords, museums, churches and lovely forays locally. By air, and by train for scenic advantages, we were tourists in Oslo, Bergen, Edinburgh and Firth of Forth. We found everywhere magnificent scenery, history, welcoming folks, and very high *costs*. Liz continues to fully home school their youngest while the two eldest have excellent benefits also online inter- active classroom settings for four to six classes each. Great interest and results!
- > Back home Judy had the second knee "done," the first having been replaced in '03. Better recovery, re-hab and walking this time.
- >Two months later she was delighted to be in a lavishly comfortable resort home high above a lake outside Austin TX. We last four women of our Taylor generation made their fourth annual reunion a special event, for living in CA, TX, KY and VA, they too rarely see one another otherwise.
- > Back home again she was smugly proud of Jack at the annual Navy Birthday celebration. He was one of five men still able to wear Navy mess dress instead of tuxedos and his was tailored in '64.
- > We continue to meet for home dinners once a month with three other couples of "Thumbs," bonding into our fourth decade in sharing family, Christian life and more. That's a lot of history shared!
- > Fred still has his mind and work in military affairs as an analyst in Tampa with Special Operations Command. He and Donna will welcome with their daughters with special warmth this Christmas. Sarah graduated George Washington U May '07 and eagerly awaits her call to Newport RI for Navy OCS. Elizabeth will graduate U of Central Florida May '08 after completing her last credits at the U of Bonn, having immersed in German language and culture, though not her major. Then grad school in US???
- > Steve and boys, with the rest of VA Tech and Blacksburg, still have some anguish from the slaughter at VT last Spring. They will soon move from the home Steve and Karen built in lovely outlying woods to a more convenient home in town. Eldest son Tucker graduates high school in '08 and may choose to go to Tech.

While the world goes slightly wild with driving, shopping, spending, eating and drinking, we wish for you: fun without frenzy, peace without loneliness, wining and dining without penalty, health of for the New Year, and an abiding faith that will carry you through should these wishes not come true.

idelimavo avsid - õ January 1 - Jack still sick (as he was in Blacksburg during our Christmas visit) to or beat the into to send - 9 2 - Jack by ambulance to Loudoun Hospital; retroperitoneal hematoma w/internal bleeding caused by Dr. Kim's oversight in controlling coumadin level. Dr. Mancini assumes our care. He's great! 6 - Jack home; both of us tired and working at the return to normal how resent suffering by J - H 13-17 - Steve in the area for class and some time w/us over Jack's birthday. is it into add to add t 21 - Jack fell on black ice at St Matthew's during his first independent outing since returning from the hospital. To Loudoun Hospital by ambulance; four broken ribs left side and punctured lung. 12 - all herging out in gray weather at Lo pool; Lack and I ride is Needel 1, 10p do : Iwona 45 - 26 27 - Icy! Jack to Johnson Center for nursing care and tentative therapy from noblog of the horizontal dinner and family and at The Parabouse - in the prime dining Caboose. Presented with famed picture taken last night of our children and spouses, lecking Mark. February 2-3 - Ice rounds and a state of the country of the night. Elizabeth and children drive as home. 10 - Jack home; miserable 15 - Sarah overnight in connection w/Anima trip to Balto to regulgment of this peribuon it - 01 flir -20 - Jack starts PT for a long time? The article of the start profiled party sedicular of the second line. 23 - that remarkable movie, "The Passion of the Christ" committee to plan it for '05. March 10 - 29 - Judy to California helping Refrig and Ken clear out Milb' y's house as TP ni sub o thod --20 - Phil and Darlene overspend a looong lunch and afternoon permanently in rousing care 30 - Jack sick; cough; antibiotic injection against flagylism a first tell program regions are a local - 15 Nine doctors' appointments (7 Jack, 2 me) plus much PT for both of us icuru. 12 - Judy Sarts many more hours in RX disk <u>April</u> 2 - last PT for both of us (1) not along until room noted break blood wild cilred 2 majoral 1 - 11 Spinal injection for Judy in attempt to reduce back pain; helped a distincted realignationing - 12 8 - Judy to Houston, stay at Perkins' w/Bob and girls or girls recome domined hardes and while - ES 9 - all pick up Lizzie from long psychiatric hospitalization. Bob and Rainey, then Arianna, Lizzie and me all to lovely beach resort near Corpus Christi charch Sunday: they leave from there 11 - all to small beach very casual Methodist church for Easter 12 - all back to Houston; Bob welcome and pleasant at their house asilinoidas. 15 - Lizzie and I to San Francisco, joining Robin to go to Inverness for Taylor Women Reunion. & Later Pat and Eliza bring Mary Ann; P&E return to SF after dinner together their disdiction 11-2 19 - absolutely lovely rare time all together till returning to SF amount and nevi amount? - 01-21 20 - Robin back to work; Pat takes Lizzie, Mary Ann, me to airport. Lizzie and I say goodbye at Houston airport and I continue on to Dullesand one pirate for and sould be seen as APA - 75-27

May 4 - Mark leaves for Seoul, Korea for year's unaccompanied tour and grand not lands - I 13 - 25 - drive to Cocoa Beach for Elizabeth's HS graduation the 15th. Bennetts there too. With Sue and Harry 17-18. With Fred in Tampa 19-20. To Gatlinburg 22 and home 25 nort am longuable 3 - Sleve on hip to Bolivia

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1 - thank you party for Mary Jane's 8 years running the drug desk; I assume responsibility 14 - 4 1-3 - weekend at Scripture Union, Valley Forge PA; also there, other Thumbs, Archibalds, 3 - 21 Kuneholms from St. Matthews: gradui as 0 - 302-01 squar Toi 1507 diff. 24-17 grad I bas of 2 3 - Steve on trip to Bolivia

24 - Kelleys here for brunch, afternoon

November

6 - 20 - Elizabeth and kids long scheduled to join Mark in Seoul; trip canceled as Timothy got sick on the 5th, followed by R and S, then E

December

20-29 - we in Florida for Christmas w/FAPs; Bok Tower on the 22nd; Mona, Rod and 'Lady,' Aunt Marie, DeeAnne and 'Gracie' for Christmas

Whata year!

- * The war in Iraq goes on and much terrorist activity tries to threaten the first national democratic elections later this month (January).
- * Ronald Reagan died (when?) with great outpouring of accolades
- * Terrorists in March bombed train(s) in Madrid; about 200 died; the government caved to demands and withdrew support from Iraq
- * Scott Peterson trial in California went on for months amid grossly overwhelming media coverage. He was convicted of murder of his wife and unborn son, and given the death penalty, on apparently clear but circumstantial evidence only. Pleas will waste more time and money.
- * Homosexual marriages captured politics, especially in Massachusetts and Washington state.
- * June saw the formation of the interim government for Iraq.
- * Somewhere in here US military were charged with abuse of Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib. The international 'softes' moaned, mourned and complained while US military units and individuals passed the buck that 'he/they made us do it.' Little was accomplished legally by the end of 2004.
- * In August two Chechen female suicide bombers brought down two Russian planes, killing about 100.
- * Some 350 hostages, mostly children, were killed in a Russian school over two-three days by Chechen terrorists. Some attackers killed, some escaped.
- * Four hurricanes hitting Florida killed 100+ and cost about \$20 billion in damage. Devastation was still apparent in December and tourist businesses severely damaged.
- * By October nationwide shortage of flu vaccine took a close second in news to the coming election.
- * Exit polls proved their worthlessness as George Bush was reelected Nov 2, as well as newcomers forming a good majority of Republicans in House and Senate. It was a bitter and ugly campaign, and the US is more obviously divided into Red (Republican) and Blue states, the latter being the West Coast, New England and around the Great Lakes.
- * Palestinian leader Arafat's death brought further comfort to us conservatives that same month.
- * How can we wish even our worst enemies the catastrophe that stuck through the Indian Ocean and Pacific rim the day after Christmas? As of this writing (Jan 3) the known death toll reached 123,000 resulting from a class 9 earthquake and subsequent tsunami reaching from Indonesia, through Thailand, Sri Lanka and touching Africa and islands.

JACK AND JUDY — 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

- JACK Departed for Cocoa Beach exactly 1 wk after June Thumbs; stayed 3 days
 - Elizabeth's graduation wholesome, dignified, patriotic
 - She was named outstanding English student received \$1000 award
 - Enjoyed meeting her boyfriend and further acquaintance with Sarah's
 - Participated in preparation, enjoyment and clean up of graduation party at their home for 50+ people
 - Two days with Sue and Harry
- JUDY From there to Tampa for two days. Fred's great interest in both sides, my family history of grandparents who moved there, KY and SC, in 1905. Days J/J researched their residences. Afternoons and evenings Fred found Woodlawn cemetery and McIntosh plot, family home, my various residences during newspaper days. City Hall and Episcopal church only things unchanged in town!
- JACK To Gatlinburg for 4 days
 - rest, read, Great Smokies National Park, Aquarium
 - God's undersea marvels we'd never seen elsewhere
- JUDY Back home for Memorial Day; Rolling Thunder picnic, speechifying, Harley rides
- Steve later ARR after 3 days continuing ed in Fairfax, spent night, chauffered us Thursday 10th our very anniversary day to B'burg. Cars such a great time for conversation.
- Checked into Clay Corner B&B under God's providence perfect place to be and they close business end of this month.
 - House unit upstairs waiting for Fred and family on Friday
 - First gift QUILT made by E&R for the wall over our bed
- Out to Steve's where E and kids minus Mark in Korea had arrived earlier. Dinner and more surprises: LIFE and GUIDEPOSTS from the week and month of our marriage, obtained by Karen on the internet. Then a beautifully arranged 'MEMORY BOOK' with yours and other messages. Thanks to all for your love and thoughts. Also for some marriage texts which I plan to repeat in part or all to Lizzie and Bob Perkins in Texas.
 - Pleasure in seeing five younger of the seven cousins enjoying each other 1st time in 5 yrs
- JACK Friday 11th Steve and E families joined us at the B&B mid morning for pool time, about 20 steps from our door, and hot tub, and lunch from our kitchen
 - Fred, Donna and girls arrived; fun, food, marathon talking and loving continued
 - Early evening all 14 of us with chairs and blankets went to a park for summer concert
- Band setting up and most of us <u>almost</u> through eating supper carried from variety of places just across the street, then **RAIN!**
 - Home(s) to change clothes and regroup at Steve's to top off with dry food.
- ANNIVERSARY CAKE w/ice cream; 'IN THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE JPPs' booklet collecting our memorable dates, plus world events, prices, movies, books, music, people

of the years. Also the Michael Podesta print of "TWO SOULS DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER" By now in emotional overload we opened a packaged picture frame from Will Coupe with this LETTER

- Illegal FIREWORKS were set off safely in the wet ground and still dripping trees in MEMORY of the night we met in Tampa, July 4th weekend, 1953, in Tampa.
- JUDY Saturday 12th -- A short night after winding down from last night's excitement.
 - Gray and cooler, kids still in and out of the pool and hot tub. Homemade lunch poolside
 - No chance of afternoon boredom or a snooze!
- Ride in '29 Model A, top down, driven by our B&B host, and dogs. Two yellow labs, not mentioned earlier but by now good friends, were habituated to the sound of the motor boding well for them to ride with Master. B&B Lady leapt to save me..... You know me With Jack in front I rode between the dogs in the back in our one car parade thru B'burg and the campus. I offered queenly waves along the way. The dogs, like footmen, waited sedately in the car while mine host treated us in the ice cream store.
 - Dogs history
- More pool and talk time and dress casually for dinner. Gather at the inn for group photo, and more at Steve's, then DINNER Note the 'priceless' menu.
 - Caboose at Farmhouse toasts, memories, excellent food,
- Sarah from Shakespeare, 'Were some child of yours alive, you should live twice, in it and in my rhyme'
- –Elizabeth from the song, Time in a Bottle, 'You're the one I want to go through time with.'
- a Santa Claus looking man in summer play clothes popped in twice to make comments to the children and ask riddles. Several of us thought it was another scripted surprise. Not so, we don't know from where or why he came, but he had a hospital type band on his left wrist.
- JACK Sunday 13th Fred and we packed out of the inn and all 14 went to church, then to Steve's for lunch. Presentation of TWO FRAMED PICTURES taken the previous night before dinner!
 - Fred and family leave; we leave with Elizabeth and kids for Falcons Landing
- Monday through today laundry, pool, Samuel's 8th birthday, reading, escaping the heat, talking even kids need to charge batteries.
- They're at the aquarium in Baltimore today with friends and leave Saturday to join Mark for a few days of his short school in Carlisle PA, then back to KS, and he back to Korea.

After they leave we'll ponder all these things past, probably still in an emotional and sustained high.

Christmas 2004

'Tis a blessing as always to affirm fond connections with friends and family at this special time of year! This comes with thoughts, prayers and hopes for each of you as we sign cards and address envelopes.

Were we to write a Christmas "letter" it would be too voluminous. Suffice it to say we are well, if not quite bursting with health and energy. Jack had a couple of serious medical episodes in the year's beginning, but they are resolved. The glorious, wonderful highlight of the year was our 50th anniversary which surpassed dreams. At our wish, the 'kids' created a family reunionr weekend in Blacksburg VA, full of luxury, surprises, love, gifts and adventures. Our three, with spouses, lacking only Army son-in-law Mark who is on a year's unaccompanied tour in Seoul, Korea, and all seven grandchildren, from age 10 to 20, had a glowing good time and made memories. Life hasn't been all a free and easy ride for our next generation, but they are a living testament to trust in the Lord.

Jack continues to be active in occasional consulting on intelligence threats, also in our church and in local politics. Judy has moved from years of being one of several volunteers to heading the team that repeats every week five days of a minutely detailed operation, ordering for residents free medicines brought here once a week from the military pharmacy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. It's a thriving 'industry' in our military retirement community.

With our best wishes for special joys and personal peace now and through 2005.

Jack and Judy

JANUARY

- 5 Bought Temperpedic bed
- 10- Dinner out with Mark on business trip
- 16- Jack's 78th; nothing special; Sunday eve group
- 18- Judy to Cocoa Beach to help Donna pack for their move to Tampa. Mostly "just us girls" while Fred was in Tampa. Judy home the 26th having seen their <u>tiny</u> house in Buffalo Heights

29- FAPs move to W. Woodlawn Ave

FEBRUARY

- 2 Fred told us of testicular tumor! His 49th birthday on the 5th.
- 12- Stones moved from Grissom St. to apt in building #3
- 14- Jack's urinary procedure
- 24- Fred's surgery; snow here
- 25-27 Jack on Faith Alive in Houston

MARCH

- 7 68* on 8^{th} , on 9^{th} 43* @ 0700, 25* by 1100 with 1-2" light fluffy "rain"
- 18- Fred to the doctor regarding radiation
- 21- JPPs to F. Leavenworth with Elizabeth through Easter; Mark on unaccompanied tour in Seoul Fred to urologist
- 28- JPPs home from Kansas; E busy with home school testing and showing the house for sale

APRIL

- 2 Fred and Donna quit smoking
- 11- Donna starts job with Tampa office, Prevention of Blindness
- 28- Judy first appointment with Dr. Osman, retina specialist, re "blister" behind R eye

MAY

- 8 Mother's Day at Sky Meadows Park near Winchester
- 31- We're offered apartment, 4th floor, bldg 5. Sooner than expected. Mixed feelings.

JUNE

- 3 Signed contract on #5404
- 5 Mibby died on her 79th birthday in Paradise Valley's Laurel Creek Nursing Center, where she'd been there several months with mini strokes
- 10- Started packing, cleaning out 46880 Grissom St. So much to get rid of!
- 11- FAPs let Woodlawn house to renters and moved to newly purchased old home 912 W. Plymouth St., same neighborhood
- 23- Grissom St picnic went off OK after miserable draft job to the committee by winning a door prize at '04 picnic

JULY

- 18-22 Steve here with Tucker to help move. They stay in FL guest room. So Hot and Humid!
- 20- First night in apartment. Such a tremendous help they were! Filling storage "cage," hauling

JULY (con't)

back and forth, moving furniture, odd jobs at the apt, and all in such good spirits!

21- Fred flew in on the company's money, taking Thu/Fri off from SOCOM to overlap with Steve and give more help prior to a Mon/Tue business meeting in DC. I broke my L little toe and was mildly uncomfortable for days.

29- Robin flew in, stayed w/us. Ken on the same plane, stayed w/Findlys and all to Annapolis 30th for "inurnment" of Mibby's ashes in USNA columbarium. Robin and Ken left early 31st.

AUGUST

A month of getting settled in with Judy not too happy about it. Many social commitments and doctors' appointments. FAPs drove from Florida with Sarah to settle her at GWU, junior year. F&D were with us 28-31 with shopping, finishing touches, curtains, pictures etc. 29- Hurricane Katrina roared up the Gulf and devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama. One of the worst US hurricanes and only one of a record breaking season of 13 hurricanes among 26 named storms, taking later names from Greek alphabet.

SEPTEMBER

T8- Donna's "heart event, to the ER. Dr said no damage to heart itself, but surgery placing 3 stents in one artery and one in another artery; in CCU w/tough complications. Home the 22nd, back to ER and home again to stay the 23rd. Steve was in town for a meeting and had dinner with us the 22nd at Marco Polo.

OCTOBER

- 6 Judy's colonoscopy, and didn't feel good enough to join Thumbs for 7-9 Encounter wkend at Valley Forge
- 13- First Navy birthday ball at FL. Jack wore mess dress uniform and I my all over sequin dress from Bahrain
- 20-23 Dusty here for good visit, proud to be dressed for the dining room in button down shirt & tie! Steve on business trip to Ft. Worth 21/22, back here 23 in time to go to church with us! 27-31 Taylor Women Reunion at Mary Ann's in Sadieville. What a wonderful intimate fun time! Nature going wild with Pakistan earthquake killing at least 87,000 and 3.5M homeless, deadly mud slides in Guatemala, flooding in California, drought fires in Texas

NOVEMBER

17- Mark is on the list for Colonel!

DECEMBER

This month and last far more harried than reasonable! Christmas gifts and deco in disarray; RX desk with complications, doctors' appointments.

- 21- To Lacey WA for Christmas with Liz and Mark. Good family times, errands with E, all to Mt. Ranier on a good day, seeing FT. Lewis where Mark lived as a child, senior Edgrens to lovely dinner Christmas Eve, Grace and Peace abounding through Christmas with church in the a.m., to senior Edgrens' place on Duckabush minus Mark. Blessed family, blessed time.
- 28- We flew out on the "red eye" and into Dulles about 11 on the 29th. Ended the month and year quietly at home.

CHRISTMAS '05

Our homey little view of Christmas:

Our 3' artificial tree was up earlier than usual on a table in front of our very large expanse of living room windows. Then Judy's birthday treat of potted and barely sprouting spring bulbs arrived, and is now beside the Christmas tree with the best eastern light and warmth from sunny windows. Not an unlikely pairing, but the story of the Christ: his birth at Christmas, his sacrifice for us on Good Friday, and his resurrection and salvation on Easter * * * * * *

We've never spent one of our nine Christmases here at Falcons Landing as our three children with our seven grandchildren continue their warm invitations for lovely family times with them!

This year we will be with Elizabeth, Mark, and their three in Seattle where Mark is stationed at Ft. Lewis, having returned in May from a year unaccompanied tour in Seoul, Korea, while Elizabeth and children stayed at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.. Big news in that family is his selection for promotion to full colonel. That will require a change of duty for them in summer '06.

The ups 'n' downs of human reality is evident too in life for Steve, Karen and their two boys. Steve achieved tenure at Virginia Tech, but Karen is on the long slippery slide of multiple sclerosis necessitating radical changes in their life.

Fred and Donna are settled now in Tampa. We spent Christmas '04 with them in Cocoa Beach! Sarah transferred to George Washington U. where she is a junior majoring in math and computer engineering. Elizabeth transferred from a small Florida college to U. of Central Florida, a very large place, in Orlando. Fred was surprised by cancer, but a kind successfully treated with radiation; painful, stressful and frightening, but inspiring great thanksgiving for the outcome. Donna was later surprised by emergency hospitalization and surgery for two blocked arteries. Prompt attention, good care throughout, and entry into a pilot funded program aimed at women's needs in heart care, have her changing lifestyle, back at work, and slowly regaining her old indomitable energy.

We - Jack and Judy - moved last summer within Falcons Landing, from duplex to an apartment somewhat larger than the duplex. Please note the change of address. Jack's been delighted with the change from the get-go, and Judy finally is coming around to appreciate the apartment. The best thing about it is morning's eastern view of the Virginia tree line this side of the Potomac, and the Maryland horizon on the opposite side of the river. And the sunrises! She's not enjoyed early mornings so much in a lifetime!

God bless you each and everyone as we wish for you joy in the ups and peace in the downs.

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JANUARY (To are if the Control and a fine that it is a residing little), it is beding to page 10 - 1 1. Sunday - Karen to the ER after a bad several days of being rejected at Wake Forest for her usual injection; later a bad fall at home; also a home health care interview which she didn't want to get into. Websters arrived on annual trip to FL and K died before they could get back after unpacking

- 9. Monday Karen died of MS complications and double pneumonia in the hospital = 6 12 - We met Beth at Dulles, and on to B'burg. Elizabeth flew to Roanoke and rented a car. F&D in from Tampa. Websters in from FL. Liz and we stayed at the anniversary B&B. TOOFER OF THE - IT
- 13, Friday Memorial service so incredibly well attended for a Friday morning! All 3 3 Thumbs came, to the house after and back home same day! Will Coupe arrived w/o notice at the church and we talked him - readily! - into staying at the B&B until Sunday. All Webster family on hand too, in such shock.
- 15 Websters left. Liz left after church. John & Lucy Copeland and kids brought chill, & salad etc for supper and were urged to stay. BCF had already kicked in with massive ... amounts of food which kept arriving for several weeks. It is taked to the control of the several weeks. It is a few and the several weeks.
- 16 Jack's 79th birthday and we came home for a quiet and stunned week. Of 1555 12
- 22 Bob Perkins' short visit and out to dinners and above outs over fluid: so upole onto SS
- 23 Judy's appt w/Mancini and confirmation of early symptoms of Parkinsons 2009
- 28 Loren and Susan Kelley for an afternoon and dinner and the second of Ann. No I

FEBRUARY

2 – LV for FL and overnight at Hunter AFB, Savannahid III and the start at a second – A 3 – 13 Stay with F&D at 912 W. Plymouth. Unusually heavy rains and chilly weather. (1) Beth visited from UCF. Bill Stone joined for dinner. Dinner once at the Colonnade. - 90 Twice to St. Paul's Lutheran Church which F&D later joined. Sunday brunches at Table Nicco's and the Front Porch. 7th - 10th we were with Sue & Harry in Melbourne. Lunch en route with Bob & Eloise Barr in Sun City Center. Sue had Jayne & Ernie Barrett in for dinner one night, took us to dinner at The Dove for Sue's b'day. We took them to breakfast the 10th, visited the very good Melbourne animal park, returned to Tampa for weekend with the kids. Still cold and rainy. Saturday took furniture to the Bennetts in Leesburg and lunched at the club, Marie joining. We left 0900 Mon 13th for lunch w/ Williamsons in Mt. Dora, then headed home. ARR Blacksburg 1500 Tue 14th. Discouraging word there of Donna having gone to the ER w/chest pain, then home. Steve left 15th for business in NorVA leaving us w/the boys. Donna had angioplasty on the 15th is ** Steve home the 16th. We came home the 17th.

19 - Robin in from SF for 2 overnights. We 3 metro-s to DC 21st to R's hotel and Sarah Title-information of the name of the state of joined for dinner at the Old Ebbitt Grill.

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20 – 22 In Orange for some research and R&R; cold w/some sleet

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APRIL 6005 3 - Post sisters o/n 7 - Orange for the day meeting Steve there, out and about w/Helen Marie Taylor seeing fine old trees, her horses and stables, an elegant home and garden and a conservation of the stables, an elegant home and garden and the stables are stables. 16 - Lovely and moving sunrise Easter service; Sarah and Ben out for brunch and Reference of the service of the considerate & one off of the head and become applicable that for other ordinal cons MAY Substitution of the content of the c 10 - Donna's heart catheritization. The property of them on Philip to the property in the field of 12 – formal dinner/dance celebrating Falcons Landing 10th, Time flies! № 2 1 12 € ₩ 13 – Mark here o/n. He's been in Norfolk to school more than a month seet of the 19 - Jack's colonoscopy 26 - Steve, Tucker, Dusty here till the 29th, Memorial Day, 27th all to big Coupe 151, 3187 reception for Robert & Maria. All Coupes there - many memories. Church on Sunday, brunch, then Sharpsburg battlefield. An active, fun and very pleasant time. At Wicbal Literally on bend feet in unchahork. JUNE thing a field that bruth in O your Standard Hardon on the first and to be selected as 9 - Mark finishes school in Norfolk, home to Washington till the 16th, then to Norway 21 - Beth to Germany till August 3rdp s will employeement of the effective wild will be be 22 - Steve leaves the boys w/us while he attends a conference; no special activities but a pleasant time, good meals, behavior etc. He's back Sunday and they all leave at a second se 28 – Join Gravesons at Legal Seafood while they're up from FLSA is a factor of a result - 32 JULY FE SANY 4 – fireworks in Leesburg via FL bus znakeD in Wheek WH is the course JH wild MI = 2 10 - Meet Fred & Sarah at Metro for dinner in Vienna 图 A The E 和 Express () - C 22 – 28 Liz & kids visit en route Norway. They have the apartment, we take a guest 35% room. Church & brunch Sunday; they spend the day w/Jody & kids Monday and dinner here. Tuesday to Charles Town, Home Port and Harpers Ferry. Wednesday E with kids to visit Grma Edgren in PA. Steve & boys Arr the afternoon, staying at Hampton as Inn and we all eat at Applebees's. Thursday all via Metro to excellent exhibit of the state of medieval castles at Nat'l Geographic in DC and lunch at a sidewalk sandwich place. Steve & boys head home from Metro. 'Twas good to see the cousins together! Liz and kids and Cookie left from Dulles Friday night. It shows due to the factor performed 29 – Jack brought me a new computer! So much trouble with the old one. A state of the state of t ** 24th - 30th temps in the low 90s halve 715 to the concept private from Clin second break garage ** nearly two weeks of Israel & Lebanese Hezbollah fighting each other

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SEPTEMBER

1 - Donna to hospital

5 – " double bypass surgery

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12 – 15 We stay in B'burg w/boys with Steve on business; home for major submarine dinner at Mt. Vernon Inn

27 – Robin and Mary Ann ARR for Taylor Women Reunion at Algonkian Park. Lizzie in next day; how special! What a bond! Robin's 55th on 29th

OCTOBER

2-Lizzie and Robin leave; Mary Ann spend night w/us and off to KY early 3^{rd} Arnett died four years ago this day

13 - 15 Jack on Faith Alive at St. Peter's in the Woods

24 - My first lucentis eye injection; had three avastin

NOVEMBER

7 – Democrats made a total sweep of House, Senate and governors' elections
 10 – 13 Jack in Florida for T-Boats reunion; came home so sick with bronchitis
 Steve o/n with us on the 13th

23 - Jack out of home for the first time except for doctors' appts

DECEMBER

4 – 8 In Blacksburg w/boys while Steve away. Home in time for the FL Christmas show. At Steve's request, I cleaned out Karen's closet and we took loads to Salvation Army and YMCA, bringing some of the best back to The Store and sending casual wear to Liz and Rebecca. Had a pleasant time w/boys, but Dusty at first showing stress about this final step

- 9 My 78th: Butlers took us to Christmas concert at Emmanuel Bible Church in Springfield and to local Japanese steak house
- 13 Mancini diagnosed Jack w/COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; result of last month's bronchitis; also orders to use a cane for stability
- 17 Excellent mini-opera of Luke's gospel of the foretelling and birth of Christ, then on a drive of extremes of elegant (Reston) and tawdry (Sterling) home decorations
- 21 Overnight in Harrisonburg en route B'burg. 23rd F&D drive in from Tampa, Sarah & Beth in Ben's car from DC. They 4 stayed at SPPs', we 2 at Hawthorne Inn. Very special time together.
- 26 We came home. 28th all FAPs left. 29th Steve & boys flew to Delmar to see Karen's family, her mother nearing the end with lung cancer.
- 30 Saddam Hussein hanged in Baghdad

One is led to separate more and more from this tired, ravaged old world! Travel and communication make it all smaller and closer while small wars and factions, traditions and beliefs divide it further. Terrorism increases except in the U.S. Natural disasters are not unusual. Individual and national hands are on the take for what they "deserve." This country sees France, Germany, England corrupted with illegal immigration while only Italy appears to take a stand.

January

19- "retired" from the RX desk

21-snow didn't amount to much

We both have some hand therapy; he for arthritis w/little help; I for tendons, much help 29–Jack to Walter Reed for audiology help

February

12-16 - COLD with snow & ice

19-Jack had liver sonogram

25-Muriel Webster, Karen's mom, died

About 4" snow

26-Fred to neurologist; he's dealing with migraines, hepatitis C

March

7—we both have memory testing at Wellness Center; doing fine; continue hand therapy 8— " start OLLI classes: both in computer, he in dramatic reading, I in writing memories

13-I to Dr. Hartley planning surgery on R knee

15-Fred to oncologist, PET results

20-I start pre-op knee therapy. Jack has cancer excised on forehead; heavy bleeding occurs hours later and we go back to Kazakis nearly midnight to cauterize it

April

1-Mark here 2-6p en route business

8-Easter! Lovely sunrise service, later brunch at classy 'Lightfoot,' courtesy of farewell gift from RX desk

14-Impressive Blessing of the Fleets at Navy Memorial in crisp gray weather

15-Nor'easter blows through

16-Horror of the massacre at VA Tech! About 35 students/professors gunned down by Korean mentally ill student

28-Dr Gary, podiatrist, treats Jack for foot infection and soon after processes his first order for diabetic shoes

May

15-Fly to Stavanger, Norway, via Copenhagen

16-Settle in; Liz to NATO wives' meeting, becoming chairman; Mark takes us on a driving tour of Stavanger area

17-National Day parade in Sandnes; chilly; evening pot luck at their pastor's house

18-Mark to U.S. for great-grandma Edgren's funeral in PA

19—Sarah's graduation from GWU w/o either pair of grandparents. Steve and boys in our apartment to attend events. Jack, Liz and I briefly visit the Domkirke in Stavanger on this chill, windy day, and see the swans brooding 3 eggs on adjacent park lake. Rhododendron and azaleas in spectacular color!

20-Liz, children, we to North Sea Baptist Church and all to Utstein Kloster

21-Homey family day; Liz to Norwegian class; walk Angel around neighborhood pond,

also home to a pair of brooding swans

- 22-Mark home from U.S.; we visit NATO base and shops. Liz to ladies' Bible study dinner
- 23-L to Nor class; she and Mark to Air Marshal's dinner
- 24-Stavanger Museum; children's church activities
- 25--early flight to Oslo for Liz, Rebecca, us. Tourist Center, Kon-Tiki and Maritime museums, Polar Ship Fram museum, palace and gardens directly across street from our hotel
- 26-Back to Big Doy area of yesterday's touristing, for the Viking Museum, Akershus Castle, Stave Church
- 27–Early train to Bergen for 6 hours of scenic mountains, snow, ice, frozen lakes, early thawing. In Bergen the funicular rail to peak overlooking the harbor. It's Whitsunday weekend with many things closed. Jack not feeling well.
- 28-Old Bruggen, Hanseatic League museum, 13thC trade, bus tour, homes perched on cliff edges
- 29-4 hour ferry Bergen to Stavanger
- 30-Liz and Jack on errands; Mark to Mons
- 31–Noon flight to Aberdeen, Liz and us; train to Edinburgh; rooms in Adria Guest House on a Georgian row; Mark home to Stavanger from Mons

June

- 1-Edinburgh Castle and John Knox House
- 2-See the royal yacht Britannia and bus to Firth of Forth where Jack was anchored 50 years ago this month on the Wisconsin
- 3-Jack not well; train to Aberdeen and fly to Stavanger
- 4–Lovely local drive to tourist shop with Liz, pick lupine, home to the kids' surprise banner and desserts in advance of our 53rd anniversary
- 5–3 hours on the Lysefjord ferry; evening concert by Timothy and the teacher's other music students. A wow to hear, and see his adeptness with viola in solo and paired pieces: Dvorak's Humoresque, a minuet by Bach, Satie's Gymnopedie with piano.
- 6-Leave Norway, home at 1530. A trip probably never to be equaled with wonders of touristing and great pleasure amid family.
- 10-Sunday brunch w/Stones and rejoicing in 53 years
- 14-Jack to Dr Gary, another foot infection; my pre-op with Dr Hartley's PA

July

- 3-To Frederick to meet Fr Alister Anderson and Ann and lunch at Acacia Restaurant; delightful new friendship
- 4-Usual picnic w/Stones, Rads; at night we two on bus to fireworks
- 9-Pre-op rigamarole at Reston Hospital
- 10-Briefing at Reston Conf. Ctr
- 11–Jack to ER at Reston Hosp 1330 with temp of 105. Off on errands I didn't know for three hours! MGEs to Washington State till the 28th
- 12-Jack home at 1630
- 13-Blood culture positive for bacterial infection of unk origin; on ceftin for 2 weeks
- 23-Knee surgery, in Reston Hosp with 2x daily re-hab, then to the Johnson Center the

26th until Aug 4. Steve and boys w/Jack and visiting me 27-29

August

2-To Dr Hartley, staples out

3-Donna visits, up here to see Sarah for S's 23rd birthday

4-Home after 9 days in the Johnson Ctr

6-Jack to Dr Mancini, changes from ceftin to a sulfa drug

10-Record breaking heat and bad drought go into third week

30-Good buddy Joe Gleason died, aged 84

31–Sue King's birthday bash w/70 laps in the pool, minutes in exercise, brunch w/many guests celebrating her 70th b'day tomorrow

September

2-Elizabeth Prisley to University of Bonn for last semester and credits for '08 graduation from UCF

3-Begin 8(?) episodes of Ken Burns' great TV series of WWII

16-Last group w/Chris, Patty Butler

October

3–Arrive Austin TX for 4th Taylor Women Reunion w/Lizzie, Mary Ann, Robin in spacious comfortable home on Lake Travis

8-Robin and Mary Ann leave by air; I ride w/Lizzie to Houston for overnight

11-Navy Ball for 232nd birthday

18-DeeAnne Bennett diagnosed with MS

November

1-5--At shore with Rileys; 2 days of high winds and tides, 1 perfect day on Ocean City boardwalk

18-Sarah here for Sunday brunch; has broken up w/Ben and excitedly involved in applying for Navy OCS

22–To Sarah and Shanti's apartment for such fun time and Thanksgiving dinner; Fred and Donna there from Tampa

23-Steve and boys, Fred, Donna and Sarah with us and to TGI Friday's for supper

26-Lunch w/Gravesons at Legal Seafood

December

7-Festive buffet and holiday show

9-Chris and Patty to Sunday brunch, my birthday, and his Symphonic Winds concert 14-Harry Rockefeller to hospital in Melbourne with acute pancreatitis; in ICU until his

death Jan 10th from cardiac arrest

16-Excellent Christmas chorale at St. Matthew's

20-Brief visit from Fred on pass through on business

25-Christmas dinner here, George Goodale our guest

Peaceful, quiet togetherness. First time with none of the kids around was OK.

31-Our blessed New Year's Eve together w/champagne

2007-10 Retina appts 4 ophthamology appts

January

- 3 Steve closed on house at 2701 Heritage Lane; moving from Wren Ct
- 10 Harry Rockefeller died; hospitalized since Dec 14 w/acute pancreatitis; died of cardiac arrest
- 15-18 We're in Melbourne, in motel w/F&D, for Harry's funeral at Holy Trinity Church. Bob and Gray there too, not Kim.

We started 2 campus programs, once a month each, on the Civil War and American Religious History, both very good

February

- 3 Sarah sworn in to the Navy in Jax aboard the USS Roosevelt for entry into OCS
- 12-13 Ice
- 13-14 Steve & boys move to Heritage Lane
- 25 Jack's 2nd cataract surgery

March

1 - Sarah drives to OCS, Newport RI

April

14 - See Dr Hermansen, ENT, 1st time in years! Fungus infection in sinuses

May

5 - Judy with FL group on bus trip and wildflower walk. Success with the new knee.

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- 14 Jack fell in garage; wounds and sore, nothing broken
- 22 Sarah leaves OCS on day she would have been commissioned if not for irreparable shin splints
- 29 Dr Hermansen; staph infection in L sinus

June

- 1 Tucker's HS graduation. We visit 5/30 until 6/2
- 7 Hillary Clinton conceded to Barack Obama in race for president
- 26 Harry Rockefeller's inurnment in US cemetery in Florida. F&D attended.
- Elizabeth arrived; Timothy in WA with Edgrens; Rebecca/Samuel in Norway w/Mark
- 28 30 Steve and Dusty visit to see Liz; we all have Sunday brunch with Stones

July

- 1 Liz returned to Norway
- 3 cancelled Taylor Women Reunion at Algonkian; neither Mary Ann nor I can leave husbands
- 20 Fred in town; Sarah & Josh spend the night w/us

August

6 - Donna moves Beth to Blacksburg to start her Masters

August (cont)

9 - Donna & Elizabeth visit briefly here

September

23 - sinus infection again; start antibiotic

October

9 - Jack to dermatologist surgeon for cancer R side face in front of ear

16 - check up w/above looks good

18 - FL Civil War day trip following Lee's retreat from Gettysburg

November

4 – Obama made history as 1st black (sort of) president

14 – Frank Watson fell, bleeding in the brain, died peacefully under sedation the 15th Our first loss of Thumbs

18 – My first day as Head Start volunteer, about 1 hour alternate Thursdays at Sterling Elementary

20 – Frank "reported to permanent duty station" from great send off from the old Falls Church

26 - 29 – Wednesday nite dinner in Lounge w/F&D, Josh, Beth, Sarah at new job with BAE. Thanksgiving grandly celebrated by all hands. F&D at near motel, Beth staying w/Sarah, Steve and boys nearby for barely 24 hours. Dinner in #5404 for 9, prepared by Donna and kids. Jack & Judy, Fred & Donna, Sarah & Josh, Elizabeth, Chonti & Peter. Friday nite gathered in Arlington at family dining room in a sports bar. Sue, Gray, G's girlfriend, Bob, Tammy and Corey, Steve, Tucker and Dusty, F&D, Sarah, Josh, Beth, J&J. Good fun.

29 – Donna, Sarah, Beth, Chonti and *moi* out 9-3 shopping for Sarah's wedding dress and having lunch at Cheese Cake Factory. Guys at home watching football and all departed at once late afternoon.

December

7 - We started attending Community Evangelical Lutheran Church

9 – Unreal! I'm 80! No celebration at my choice to attend Jim Martin's funeral Mass, reception and inurnment at ANC. Supper in the Lounge with the ubiquitous b'day cake 17 – Fred in town on business; brief visit here from the airport then he, with us, met Sarah & Josh at Anita's in Vienna for dinner.

23-27 – To and from Blacksburg with Steve for a most heartwarming Christmas. We stayed at Hawthorn Suites. He spent Friday nite here before going home for Tucker's 19th b'day. How very blessed I felt throughout!

30 – Hard re-entry to life and schedules here. A significant let down, but by this writing on the 2nd I'm getting a grip.

An extremely tiring year. No personal adventures other than times the kids were around. Taking on orders and organization of Jack's many meds. Dropped out of exercise class; not sleeping well or enough. Jack had a second fall, this time in the den. Big lump on the back of his head and painful hip bruise. Breathing is worse as is

hearing. Increase in doctors' appts for both of us. I've had about 18 eye injections for AMD, making my eyes progressively dry and sensitive to light. Much facial itching, stinging, burning, cause unknown. Bad in the apartment, but not at Steve's. Jack sleeps and reads more, is easily confused, but is peaceful and loving.

The election cycle was far too long and aggravating. Future so uncertain. Serious down turn in economy. Government and independent corruption, costly gov't bailouts. Too many irritations at FL with upgrades, new security system still unfinished, different recycling process still not clarified, new dining system with itemized costs. Staff still doesn't "get it" about need for clear detailed communication. But of all choices we might have made this is still the best.

2009

- Jan 13 -- requested transfer from St Matthew's to Community Lutheran Church
- Jan 16 Jack's 82nd b'day; Steve and Dusty here with gift of Jitterbug cell phones; Dinner @ the Cheese Cake Factory
- Jan 25 Jack ends driving
- Jan 27 snow and ice
- Feb 26 Jack turned in driver's license in exchange for official ID card; end of era
- Mar 2 wind and snow up to 12"
- Mar 8 Inquirer's Class at CLC
- Mar 18 Mark visited briefly from Norway on business
- Mar 19 Retain Bill Petersen for IRS work. Had him in earliest years here, great confusion in '08 return required skilled help
- Mar 30 Bought big flat screen TV
- Bad season in general: Fred to hematologist; Donna's major dental work; to ER with heart pain. Fred working hard for months on project manager certification course
- Apr 4 Elizabeth and Rebecca arrive from Norway; short visit
- Apr 5 Accepted as members of CLC in distinctive service
- Apr 11 TV replaced as inoperable w/FL system, rec'd a Sony; working fine
- Apr 12 Easter Sunday with Sarah and Josh at Clarendon Methodist and their treat to brunch at IHOP
- Apr 22 Frank Watson buried with honors at Arlington; the first death (last Fall) among the incredible Thumbs
- May 4 Jack had bad chills overnight; better next morning
- May 9 Edgrens start move from Norway to Wms'burg VA; bought house in need of much work; Mark CO Army Training Support Command at Ft Eustis
- May 29 Timothy's HS graduation marked in Norway
- Jun 12-14 Fred staying with us, with high school classmates for memorial service for one of best old friends. Steve and boys at motel, visiting and sightseeing
- Jun 20 Elizabeth, Rebecca, Samuel, Angel to VA; Mark and Timothy at Air Force Academy for T's visit. They will close on house no later than 1 July.
- Jun 22 Liz and Rebecca visit
- Jun 25 Mary Ann's husband, Jim Hall died, lengthy illness, aged 74
- Jun 26 Jack to Reston Hospital for emergency vascular surgery by Dr. Crossland.

 A "string of blood clots 'that long' in upper right arm." In CCU until Jun 30.

 Pacemaker put in place the 29th. In standard hospital room until July 3 when I brought him to The Johnson Center. Baaad Day!
- Jul 9 Dr Mancini to see Jack in TJC
- Jul 16 Appt w/Dr Crossland; Jack's carotid doppler very good
- Jul 22 Jack home first time since June 26 !!!

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- Jul 31 Aug 2 At Westin Hotel in Arlington with Bennetts, Spitalaris, Prisleys, Edgrens for Sarah/Josh's wedding the 1st at Clarendon Methodist. Donna barely made it through the service before being quite ill. Back to hotel and missed lovely outdoor reception at Ft. C.W.Smith park. We returned to FL 2nd (Sunday) afternoon.
- Aug 7 Sue visited for dinner during longer stay w/Gray
- Aug 13 Best ever Grissom St. picnic with so many new younger residents replacing us 'Plank owners'
- Aug 26-28 Fred in hospital with pneumonia; quite weak and tired at home
- Aug 29-31 Jack by ambulance to Loudoun hospital with rectal bleeding
- Sep 3-5 Liz visited, went with us for Jack's first appt as Dr. Ann's patient. The 9th I join in our change from Dr. Mancini to Dr. Ann Mecherikunnel
- Sep 14-17 Jack in Reston Hospital with pneumonia, then in TJC until....
- Oct 2 Bring Jack home. Following weeks we establish with cardiologist Nayaak; Choneurologist; Valle, gastroenterologist
- Oct 14 Fred, Donna, Liz join me for meeting called by staff regarding plans for Jack
- Nov 6 Jack diagnosed with pneumonia, but treated at home w/levaquin
- Nov 14 Phil in for good long visit; Darlene at church weekend. Good to see Phil, but so different from the jolly laughing and bantering that went on between his parents and mine Nov 16 Sue overnight with us for pleasant visit; Prisley genealogy
- Nov 18 Jack to Reston by ambulance; very weak; impacted bowel and bladder weakness Really quite out of it in hospital "for observation." Not alert or caring what was going on.
- Nov 20 Jack home with requirement for overnight home health aide, 14 hours @ \$300+ No room in TJC
- Nov 21 Fred/Donna with us overnight and in the area through Thanksgiving weekend
- Nov 23 Fred, Donna, Beth, us to Ruby Tuesday
- Nov 24 Bryn Pavek of Home Instead visits w/David; pushy, we had minimal acceptace of David, only aide available, urged by staff here
- Thanksgiving (26th)— Josh, Sarah & Beth all in Florida. All Edgrens here for the day and "Carry in" dinner from Bloom's. Retrospect: I liked the family being here but was in major detachment, out of the loop. Strange Steve, boys w/friends there
- Dec 1 Beginning a most uncomfortable home life. Local staff pressured us to have home health care. David 5 days per wk saw no benefit of his presence and lack of private comfort. Last day, Dec 11, we "let him go."
- Dec 2 Steve overnight in course of a meeting with his grant committee on climate change
- Dec 5 Snow 2-3" maybe
- Dec 7- Our superb PT staff said "Goodbye," offed" by management for cheaper staff
- Dec 9 My 81st. Bah humbug. Didn't want it; didn't miss 'celebrating'. Jack's first overnight lab test for sleep apnea; confirmed he has it. David drove p.m./a,m,
- Dec 17-18 Jack doing poorly; tired weak; chills, worsening of COPD

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- Dec 19 SNOW! 21-24"
- Dec 23 F&D in Alexandria with J/S; Steve and boys at nearby Hampton Inn. Dinner at Ruby Tuesday
- Dec 24 Brunch here with Fred, Steve, Tucker, Dusty, Beth. Donna, Sarah working toward Christmas dinner and Josh working. Steve, Tucker to midnight Mass with us at CLC; Dusty overnight with the Alexandria group and they all to Josh and Sarah's Methodist church.
- Christmas Lovely memorable family day! 1100 1730 or so at Sarah/Josh's apartment. Delicious home cooked dinner served at a new table from IKEA comfortably seating all 10. Josh's smithfield ham was at least as good as his turkey at our place in '08. Pretty tree, comfortable and attractive home. Steve drove us home (S,T,D,J,J) in downpour and heavy traffic with so much snow still blocking streets.
- Dec 26 Quiet day at home for Jack and me. Steve and boys to museums in D.C. Dinner at Joe's Montana Grill when they got back.
- Dec 27 Steve and boys departed from motel. I choose with much satisfaction to be generous in sharing "our" time with them for their own time together instead of clinging to each possible minute together as P parents did with us.
- New Year's Eve We didn't even make it to midnight. A tough and disheartening year and soon on to my foray with income tax. My greatest thanksgiving for the year is major teaching, cooperation, understanding, help from Fred, Steve, Elizabeth

Lousy government under Obama and socialist/activist cronies. Many jobs lost, economy down, going into future debt into trillions. He aims to try terrorists in civilian courts in New York! Rousing counter moves to try them in military courts as it should be. Army psychiatrist major Nidal Nadik Hassan shouting Allah Akbar killed 13 at Ft. Hood TX; was seriously wounded by female security officer. Efforts of Muslim suicide "underwear bomber" to bring down an American Amsterdam to Detroit Christmas flight failed as passengers and crew subdued him. Banks, auto dealers, construction companies failed; Mom and Pop businesses going under. Public education deteriorating. Into 2010 – a census year – Obama still doesn't produce his birth certificate. God have mercy as we re-enact the decline and fall of the Roman Empire.

JANUARY

- 1-3 Jack off his L foot three days; diabetic pain
- 4 Jack's lazer treatment on eye on 5th upcheck w/ Dr Essepian
- 7 Jack to Dr Cho are sleep apnea
- 11 Norm Polmar takes Jack to lunch
- 12 Devastating earthquake in Haiti Jk to Dr Gary, foot better; O/N sleep apnea test
- 16 Jk's 83rd b'day; Liz here and next day to Wmsburg w/us to stay till 19th
- 28 Jk starts OT

FEBRUARY

- 2-3 6-8" snow
- 5 Blizzard! 28" snow

MARCH

- 11-13 Liz and Samuel visit
- Jk's VPAP delivered; see Dr Paul about wrist pain, x-ray, hand splint
- Done with IRS by Bill Petersen's help!
- 26 Fred here O/N dinner out
- 27 Sarah, Josh, Linda, all to dinner out
- Fred leaves; so much paper work done!

APRIL

- 6 Elizabeth ARR to help see Jack into West Falls and me ready to fly to KY the 7th for TWR
- 9 All out and about, Woodford Reserve Distillery
- Steve O/N in our apartment to spend time w/Jack at West Falls; gloomy?
- Robin & Lizzie leave; Mary Ann & I meet w/Richard Taylor; attend poetry reading @ Transylvania U.; accept invite to professor's home for dinner & socializing
- 14 I fly home; Iceland volcano erupts and disrupts air traffic for days
- Bring Jack home; was not a happy camper
- 16 Third anniversary of massacre at VA Tech
- 20 Some air service resumes after volcano
- 21 Jk first reluctant night on VPAP
- Fred called: honor grad w/top score in online class for IT project mgr!!
- 27 Jack generally ailing; Dr Ann prescribes levaquin
- 29-30 Fred here to receive 'top student award', 4.0 for 6 semesters IT project mgr

2010 (Cont)

MAY Jack lightheaded, no energy 1 2 Jack to ER, 2:30-7, lots of tests, nothing definitive; both so tired 5 Dr Nyak, cardiologist 7 Dr Gary, podiatrist Edgrens to New Zealand 9 Jack to nurse for bandages on severe skin abrasions on R arm 12 13 My first cornea appt w/Dr Demi Dang 20 Jack to ER 9:30-2:30 for severely heavy nosebleed requiring a plug and drain tube taped to his cheek; severe head and face pain for 24 hours until removed by Dr Hermansen the 24th JUNE 3 routine pacemaker upcheck with Dr Nyak 11 Eliza's high school graduation, Bay School of San Francisco 25-28 Jk and I to Wmsburg, Liz driving, for Rebecca's graduation; festive time. Last morning Jack fell out of bed, tangled w/VPAP, tiny scrape on L ankle on side rail JULY 1 Increasing pain and redness at ankle wound. X-ray then Reston ER; stop VPAP, tetanus shot and Percocet 2 Jack to Dr Ann Jack to Reston ER 12-6, "touch" of pneumonia + congestive heart failure 5 Admitted to Reston: quiet, passive 9 Jack to Johnson Center 16 Bad day! Jack detached, no communication; I had problems at desk & home, with Johnson Ctr staff; tired, tired 19 I'm trying chair aerobics M/W/F Jack to Dr Gary 30 AUGUST In family/staff meeting Jack made decision himself to choose ALU over 4 staying at home with home health care aide. His choice appears to be

- left alone.
- 12 Bring Jack by wheelchair to Grissom St picnic in auditorium, joining Barbara Carlin, Janet Goldfogle. He showed no pleasure in it.
- 18-19 Donna & Liz P here
- 21 Shanti's baby shower for Sarah

AUGUST (cont)

- Donna here for family/staff conference settling Jack on permanent status in ALU
- 26 Bill Manthorpe"s visit w/Jk to present draft paper on Cuban Missile Crisis was a major memory and thrill for Jack

Major events at unrecorded times: Timothy to John Brown U., Siloam Springs AR, on full ROTC scholarship; Rebecca to Union U., Jackson TN

SEPTEMBER

- Took Jack out for supper at Ruby Tuesday Steve's Cody died
- 8 Hired "Two Guys" to move good bed, dresser, recliner, captain's chair, Liz P's desk to Jack's room in ALU

21 Jack and I had good photos taken for CLC directory

OCTOBER

- 15-20 Donna ARR, driving up from Tampa. 1 day shopping for me; 1 day moving furniture to turn office into guest room; Steve & Sarah to dinner in Lounge
- 29 Mark deploys to Kabul, Afghanistan

NOVEMBER

- 8 With Earl & Lazell Hunigan to uplifting revival @ their church
- 10 Liz, Samuel ARR
- Donna ARR, more prep for guest room
- Liz, Samuel, Donna LV to Charlene's Steve, Dusty ARR w/furniture from Liz P's apartment
- All hands square away guest room and den; Donna LV
- 14 Steve & Dusty LV
- 22-27 I'm TIRED! Cold, sore throat, sinus; routine every 6 wk retina appt
- ~ 30 In the pits: (

DECEMBER

- Jack to ER, admitted to hospital; morphine for pain; NPO order till the 7th pending tests
- 3-5 Liz here
- 5 High BP, impacted bowel, possible stomach ulcer

DECEMBER (cont)

- 6 Clear liquids; endoscopy
- 8 Jack better! Called me for the first time!
- 9 Jack back to the Johnson Center
- TJC sent Jack again @ 6:30a to ER, vomiting blood. ER returned him to TJC @ 2p. TJC sent him again by ambulance to ER @ 5:30p with profuse bloody vomiting. I stayed with him in ER till a room was available for him at 1:30a at which time I took a taxi back to FL
- Sue ARR in area staying with Gray and/or Bob. Fred & Steve ARR.
- 15 Donna ARR
- Jack to 2nd floor ICU
- 17 Tim home from college. Jack to 3rd floor ICU. Placement of a permanent deep vein port.
- I to the hospital a.m.; Fred & Donna and we 3 lunch in hospital cafeteria Jack couldn't tolerate his lunch of tomato soup, milk, ice cream, tho he showed some little improvement. Donna and I came home, left Fred on watch, I napped, Donna later returned to hospital
- 19 F, D, I visited Jack; Donna stayed, F & I came home for paperwork
- 20-21 Back and forth visiting Jack. His esophagus seriously eroded.
- Liz & kids ARR, also Steve & boys, all at Embassy suites/Hampton Inn? Fred & Donna here. She did a good chili supper.

At some time in here Liz P organized all young 'uns to decorate Jack's hospital room for Christmas.

- Ordered pizza for all
- Liz & kids LV for Christmas Eve and following at home. Jack had stomach x-ray and 2 attacks diarrhea
- Festive dinner here: ham & fixings, pies etc. Dusty provided 'Poppers' and of all the assortment I only was blessed with a silver dolphin.

 Amazing grace!
- 27 Steve & boys LV. I @ hospital all day. Donna & Liz P. shopping.
- Fred & Liz P LV for Tampa, driving with Cookie, failing so badly and shortly after arrival, put down at doggy critical care. Fred is bereft. How well I remember Looey and Pepsi and Becky
 -Jack is transferred by ambulance to hospice care at Falcons Landing. His last "submarine ride" Memory! Donna & I supper in the Lounge/Zograns.
- 29 Donna to Charlene's. Steve ARR
- Jack sedated for pain, scant consciousness. Hospice says he could go any time. Shallow breathing, doesn't respond to voice or touch. Steve & I ate

DECEMBER 2010 THE END

30 (cont) @ Byblos. I gave Jack's heavily used and underlined Bible to Steve and he read from it at Jack's bedside Psalm 116 and Rev 20: 8-21. No apparent hearing or consciousness, but important to us.

Steve and I visited Jack about 9a. — unresponsive, shallow breathing -- again before lunch in the d.r. Ate our salad, served our buffet lunch and in moments my cell phone rang from the nurse's station that he was pronounced dead at 11:50. Steve left shortly to have the weekend with the beys and Denna stayed hear.

P.S. Earl Hurigan in the perject grace & love was the first to ring my doorball-brief visit you love & prayer,

JANUARY

- *1 The first day of the rest of my life without Jack. Much compassion for Fred as he drove to 'Tampa w/Beth and had Cookie put down by the vet. She'd been so sick here in advanced age and disability. Deep sorrow for Fred in the loss of HIS dad and HIS dog.
- *2 Donna and I to church and to IHOP for lunch.
- *3 Pastor Joe visits. Liz arrived. We settled details w/ Loudoun Funeral Chapel and planned with Chef Bob the reception to follow the memorial service at Community Lutheran.
- *4 Bereavement Committee help and plans with Lois Guzik for memory boards etc at the reception. Liz back to Wms'burg. Thumbs visit. Donna and Sarah visit. I'm so content to be alone awhile.
- *5 The Lord takes away, but he also gives! Susanna Jean, first great-grandchild, is born to Sarah and Josh. Steve arrives. Boys declined, but Dusty sent me a treasured personal letter.
- *6 EPIPHANY! Service for Jack at Community Lutheran. Steve had such warm and positive comments about his dad. Programs exist in files, and reception drew so many friends and relatives. Burial in Arlington is delayed for about three months. Very special to have Mark, home on compassionate leave with Elizabeth. In uniform, to offer testimony to Jack.
- *7 Fred, Steve, I tackle immediate business. Steve home to B'burg. Beth back to Germany
- *8 I'm alone ... and that's okay. So much inner personal work to do.
- *9 Fred and I to church. Brunch w/Stones. I meet Susanna Jean. So precious and healthy!
- *22 Liz takes Mark to Dulles and me to Wms'burg.
- *23 With Liz and children to W&M production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience".
- *28 Home from Wms'burg after lovely time with lovely family.

FEBRUARY

- *9-10 Steve here
- *25-27 Fred here
- *28 Thumbs here

MARCH

- *3-4 Steve overnight
- *11 8.9 tsunami devastated Japan including nuclear power plants. Inestimable loss of life. Effects felt even on U.S. and So. American west coasts, Australia, and New Zealand.
- *15 Sold Chevy to Liz for Tim. Steve here overnight for business matters.

APRIL

- *12 Thumbs at Rileys'
- *16 4 years since campus massacre at Tech
- *25 (Easter Monday) Jack's burial w/honors at Arlington. Facing from Halsey Dr with York to the left. Section 59, grave 4364. Lovely mild weather. A good, rewarding, comforting turnout. Robin, Ken, Eliza, Lizzie, Mary Ann, Phil & Darlene, Stones w/young Bill, Bob & Sue Phillips, Loren, Susan & Shaun Kelley, Steve and Tucker, Liz and Samuel, Fred and Donna, Sister Sue and Jack's cousin Mary Graham from Maine. And Thumbs of course. Pastor Joe made it lovely, even with an a cappella hymn. Family started arriving 22nd and left 25th with extensive food service here, thanks to Donna with help.

MAY

- *2 Navy Seals capture, kill Osama bin Laden in smooth coup and he was given muslim burial at sea off Navy ship Carl Vinson.
- *6-7 Steve O/N to take me to Blacksburg, and back home the 9^{th} after seeing Dusty twice in Neil Simon's "Rumors".
- *12 FL "mystery trip" to Stratford Hall, R. E. Lee's birthplace
- *17 With Liz to Wms'burg. 19Th to Jackson TN, pick up Rebecca. 20Th to Knoxville, 21st to Wms'burg, 22nd to FL and Liz O/N to pick up Mark at Dulles

JUNE

- *10 I fell in upstairs hall @ 6:30am in morning walk, "shattering" R shoulder ball joint and humerus. Admitted to ER at Reston overnight.
- *11 Liz arrived after lunch and I was discharged to home. Liz stayed on till $18^{\rm th}$, through surgery on $15^{\rm th}$, my release from hospital to the Johnson Center on $17^{\rm th}$.
- *18th Liz went home and SPPs relieved the watch.
- *23 Fred ARR. Sarah & Susanna visited.

JULY

- *9 Home after 30 days
- *12 Liz ARR to help; we cruise outlet mall; visit Jack's grave at Arlington Cemetery, drive through Vienna, times of peace, pleasure, accomplishment. Thanks be to God for my thoughtful dear competent daughter! Liz LV on 15th.
- *19th Thumbs pick me up for luncheon treat at Sweet Water Tavern

AUGUST

- *23 5.8 earthquake dizzying fraction of time in my apartment after lunch at 1:51. Largest in area in 200 years. National Cathedral suffered moderate damage taking months to repair.
- *26 Hunkered down. Storm watch for "Irene." Watched on TV. Strange! Jack's presence was everywhere with me all day!

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 3

*TWR at Mary Ann's. Robin's 60th birthday well celebrated at home on the 29th despite an outdoor record for the date of 35 degrees at 3p with wet snow and rain.

NOVEMBER 14-17

*Elizabeth's visit with so many helps given, errands and shopping done, love and energy shared.

*22 – Steve overnight, lovely drive to B'burg next day, shunpiking old road parallel to #66 avoiding heavy holiday traffic. Such delight to be with him alone in peace and conversation. Eleven total for T'giving dinner (the 24th) w/Beth, Sarah, Josh. Susanna, Fred, Donna, Nancy Valett and son Mike. Josh did the turkey. As always for festive occasions at Steve's, Mother's sterling was in use.

*28 - 'Black Monday' with the season's sales. Fred had ordered for me, and we picked up a new computer to replace my old dead one. Then he and Donna brought me home and set it up.

DECEMBER

*9 - Thumbs took me to dinner at Sweet Water Tavern.

*23-27 Steve, Tucker & Dusty here for Christmas. Festive, caring, relaxed, helpful time. On the 24th we visited Arlington Cemetery and Jack's grave site. D.C. traffic was sparse. We spent some hours in the Newseum for the guys' first visit. Wandered Union Station with its annual train displays and visited many boutiques. Dark was coming on as we left the city, and traffic was coming in. A peaceful, happy, enjoyable day. Late dinner at Macaroni Grill, home to welcome in Christmas Eve Thoughtbountiful Christmas day, dinner in the dining room, and they left next day. Steve and boys so eased my spirits with my realization that my blessed husband could no longer have enjoyed or endured the activity.

AND LIFE GOES ON, with blessings of family and memories. Thanks be to God. Amen.

- *JANUARY beginning my second year as a widow painful word. Actually separated even earlier by his long stay in The Johnson Center and hospital.
- *8 Big break! Went with Blair to see "War Horse".
- *10 Last appointment w/Dr. Hartley re shattered shoulder
- *22 Steve here and out to dinner
- *23 Fred here and out to dinner
- *26 still doing pool exercises without improvement to shoulder
- *31 QUIT THERAPY! They were doing more harm than good.

*FEBRUARY

- *2-4 Elizabeth here for love and helps
- *6-9 in The Johnson Center w/urinary tract infection; better meals
- *19 Marlene Perry's 90th b'day in TJC
- *21 did see Dr. Hartley again: shoulder healing well

*MARCH

- *6 received my new WOW computer. Fred here to set it up on the 9th
- *8-10 Liz visited. Had to call ambulance at 1:30 a.m. to take her to Reston w/severe stomach pain. Called cab to bring us home at 5 a.m. after several tests and she was feeling much better.
- *15 Baby Boy Spitaleri born at home and appropriately named Ian Robert and becoming a welcome IRS deduction:) Sarah was holding her baby with cord intact until the midwives arrived through afternoon rush hour traffic. Sarah had called Josh home too, arriving before the team.
- *22 started physical training w/Joevan 2x week
- *30 Thumbs at Kings

*APRIL

- *3 Dr. Hartley yet again
- *7 Mary Ann w/Phil & Darlene visited and I hosted lunch at Delia's
- *15 Steve and Dusty overnight
- *29 Charlie & Helen Williamson visited, took me to dinner at Longhorn Steak She's not in good health

*MAY

- *3-5 Helpful and loving visit from Liz
- *11 Thumbs here
- *20 Mark to London for a week
- *23 27 Liz picked me up in the evening; we drove to Wms'burg 24th; for overnight then & 25th; five Edgrens and I went to B'burg the 26th for Dusty's high school graduation & all Es returned to Wms'burg. Sarah, Josh, Liz Prisley, Fred, Donna, Steve and I overnighted and just before departure next a.m. I was hit w/ terrible diarrhea! Portent of miseries....

*MAY

*29 – Fred & Donna staying in Manassas w/Josh & Sarah, but here awhile for big helps w/me. Fred on computer and business; Donna & I shopping.

*JUNE

- *11-12 Robin here overnight en route business trip to England (?). A briefly warm, wonderful, helpful time! She helped me in brief but urgent shopping for excellent new sneakers & two pair white pants, I rewarded her with some family sterling she was so happy to have.
- *14-19 Sickish tummy building to diarrhea on 18th and to ER on 19th for much testing w/o finding problem, so back home to Falcons Landing and the attack was over.
- *25 27 I had a non-fasting blood draw. Liz was here for 3 days. We did errands & shopping. She took me to my appt w/Dr. Valle, GI specialist and left a bit later. FAPs arrived the area on business, staying in a motel.
- *29 My appt w/pre-op nurse in morning. At 10"30 pm in came a BIG storm, a "derecho". Power was out thru out our area until FL was soon pretty well lit up, the only such site in the area on emergency lighting.
- *30 Fred and Donna picked me up for an evening with them in their motel in an area that was pretty well lit. Comfortable, cozy, good chatting.

*JULY

- *2 In TJC overnight to prep for my colonoscopy next day. Liz had arrived to be my on site stalwart aide and attendant through all but the procedure itself on the 3rd.
- *11 Big D!
- *12 Started 'endocort'. Saw Dr. Ann.
- *18 Liz had spent the night at a hotel w/Mark, on site for a retirement program. Hurrying down the steps to come get me for appt w/Dr. Valle she tripped and broke her left ankle! Naught to do but call Mark from the program, take her to Alexandria Hospital for temporary care, take her to the doc in Wms'burg. Her fracture was not so bad as Donna's the year before and seems at this date (3/21/13) to be doing passably well.
- *31 Advance to real meals!

*AUGUST

- *11-12 In view of Elizabeth's healing ankle, Mark takes Rebecca to college in TN and Timothy to college in AR!
- *14 Thumbs at Virginia Watson's
- *22 23 I treat Steve, Tucker, Dusty and ME to dinner out as they join in moving Dusty into his dorm at George Mason. The 23rd it's just Steve, Tucker and me to Delia's for dinner before they head back to B'burg 24th.
- *28 Steve's classes start.

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*SEPTEMBER

*25 – Larry, with Virginia & Marj aboard (Sue in Africa w/Bonnie) picked me up for nice lunch at Olive Garden

*OCTOBER

- *10 Appt w/ Dr. Valle
- *15-20 In Kentucky with Taylor Women at Mary Ann's! For the first time stayed only there with no excursions out. Lovely cool weather, sometimes just a little rain. Ate marvelously as always, with no ill effects from my treacherous stomach. Shared writings and memories and family stories and celebrated Mary Ann's 75th birthday. I was the last to leave Cincinnati airport to come home, having a long and lousy cold.
- *22-24 Elizabeth here with me for helps and errands and loving and caring and sharing *26 – Hurricane Sandy sent Donna and Beth scurrying back to Florida without any shared visiting.

*NOVEMBER

- *1 Onset of big D, non-fasting blood draw
- *4 Tired & "poorly", on meds
- *8 Appt w/ Dr. Ann
- *12 Pastor Joe visited with Communion
- *17 Fred here to catch up on business
- *20 On 'endocort' with its several lousy side effects
- *21 Steve and boys here; dinner at Olive Garden. They stay as always at nearby Hampton Inn
- *22 THANKSGIVING! Spitaleris host Steve, Tucker, Dusty and me for delicious but notably informal afternoon dinner with Susy and Ian, precious kids! Josh's buddies, Andre and another Josh were on hand also having been helping Josh S. with basement jobs. Very good family time!
- *23 Steve and boys into D.C. Here with me about 5-6. Did some errands for me, all ate at Delia's and the guys went to see "Lincoln". I opted out both by health and old antipathy for the subject.
- *24 Steve here at 8:30am for some errands with me while boys slept in then had breakfast at HI. Then all three to B'burg, having pleased and satisfied all involved.

*DECEMBER

- *4 Blair and I went to see "Life of Pi". Fascinating, both in theme and production.
- *7-11 -Elizabeth here on 7th, both to Wms-burg on 8th for Samuel's appearance in a modified Dickens' Christmas Carol. 9Th all to church, some shopping on 10th and back to Falcons Landing 11th.
- *22 Fred and Donna in Manassas
- *23 Fred here! So much accomplished! New Ott Lite found, purchased on sale.
- *25 Afternoon Christmas dinner w/Josh, Sarah, Fred, Donna, Liz P. couple of friends and I.

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- *26 I was visited here by Elizabeth, Timothy, girlfriend Sunny, Rebecca and Samuel. They brought lunch. I was enchanted by and quite interested in Sunny. It was a delightful time packed into 3-4 hours. I turned them loose on many of my old CDs I no longer wanted. Tim especially was a delighted hoarder.
- *31 Steve and boys for lunch and lengthy evening

STARTING AT ONCE ANOTHER WHOLE NEW YEAR

2013

- *JANUARY beginning my third widowed year. Doesn't get easier. Jack an I used to eat with other singles: widows/widowers. No such invitations any more.
- *1 Steve, Tucker, Dusty here to put Dusty on midnight plane for two weeks in England, thanks to generous benevolence from the death of his Webster grandparents.
- *4 Home with sore throat, cough, tired, but God blessed throughout.
- *15 Dick Goertemiller died. Beginning of the end of Shaklee friendship and business with Dixie.
- *31 Liz arrived for helps through

*FEBRUARY

- *2 On the 1st we went shopping and to see the first new "Hobbit" movie before she left next day.
- *7 Appointment w/Dr. Ann 126 pounds!
- *16 Phil & Darlene visited 10:30 2:30, to Delia's for lunch

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*27 - Appointment w/Dr. Valle. I like him less and less and am not getting better from intestinal problem. Stop dining room meals until _____?

*MARCH

- *2 Steve visits till evening

- *4 Lab Corps for blood tests
 *14 Liz picks me up to return to ''' *14 – Liz picks me up to return to Wms'burg
- *15 to see Samuel in "Shakespeare's Women" and spend the night. Ian Robert Spitaleri born at home to Sarah and Josh!
 *16 – Liz brings me home & returns to Wms'burg
- *29 Pastor Joe visits w/Communion. Donna's in hospital w/gall bladder attack.
- *30 Donna home thru weekend surgery next week

*APRIL

- *1 Restore meals
- *3 Donna's surgery NOT laprascopic
- *4/5 Bad diarrhea!
- *10/11 Fred here after dinner spends night works here flies to Tampa
- The same of the second *13 - Started endocort. No dining room meals 12th- 30th

*MAY

- *4 Tucker's college graduation
- *8-11 - Wonderful warm productive visit from Elizabeth!
- *13-21 no dining room meals
- *31 Lunch out w/Thumbs

*IUNE

- *3 Ditch Dr. Valle! Great transfer to Dr. Shah
- *6-8 lunch in d.r.! 6Th, 7 th fine but Big D on 8th ... *10-16 15th only Baaad day! Worst yet.
- *17-23 no d.r. meals; no bad upsets. F&D visit

*24-30 – Liz & Sunny visit for lunch here Wed 26th . I had only that one dining room meal & no problem.

- *1 Dr. Shah! I have great confidence and respect!
- *9 Community Lutheran layreader, Don, brought Communion
- *22 Mark's retirement w/reception
- *27 Tim & Sunny's wedding in Arkansas

AUGUST

- *11 Steve & Sandee to brunch here
- *24 With Steve to leave Dusty at GM. Brings me home & leaves for Tech

SEPTEMBER

- *15-17 Liz here
- *30 official date of Mark's retirement

OCTOBER

- *6-9 Taylor Women Reunion here! Mary Ann in my guest room. Robin & Lizzie in Bldg 5 guest room. They do all meal planing & prep, making me a guest. Much reminiscing, sharing, thanksgiving. Washington DC in Federal shutdown of major tourist spots they wanted to see. Rain most of the time except for the lovely last day. Mary Ann was sole driver & a little staggered by "city" driving. What dear bonding, sharing, hoping among us! Getting weirdly acquainted with Prisley Elizabeth's "Kali Poetics".
- *23 Fred O/N dinner at O'Fallons for first time. F & vintage pickup truck for 1st time for gathering of same. Liz here O/N 24th, left next a.m. Fred back here 26th, dinner out and left 27th for O/N in Wms'burg.

NOVEMBER

- *2 flu shots
- *9 Mark back home from 10 days trip (?) to China as per his MBA course.
- *16 -Afternoon visit from Steve, Sandee, Tucker & Dusty

DECEMBER

- *4 Last (?) eye appt w/Dr. McGrew. No help for my loss of vision except for way out changes & nuisances
- *5 Sister Sue visited for lunch during her "up country" trip to visit her kids
- *8-10 SNOW!
- *12 appt w/dear Dr. Hermansen of years past. Plan to continue w/her for ringing in ears etc. Liz came here after that appt done w/ Laura of Life Matters.
- *14 I cannot imagine life without the blessings of our children!
- *19 Edgrens leave, picking up kids along the way, headed for senior Edgrens in Washington State
- *20 Ray Fields FINALLY returns antique cherry drop leaf table which he's had for MONTHS to refinish. Lovely!
- *24-28 Lovely visit from Fred!!! Donna w/her parents.